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APIA'S STRIFE

— GRAZIANI

APIA-Leichhardt chairman Joe Prestia is facing the problem of his sporting life following the withdrawal of Sydney City.

Italy's world-rated central striker Francesco Graziani is due to play the first of four guest games for the Maroons, starting with a match against the now defunct Slickers on June 28.

Graziani, with two World Cup campaigns and 40 internationals for Italy under his belt, would just about be the star attraction of the decade.

But now APIA has no

BY KEITH GILMOUR

game and will have to go cap in hand to the NSL to see if, in some way, they can be helped out with an alternative fixture.

Said Mr Prestia: "The whole situation is a sick joke."

"We are running the club this year on a \$500,000 budget and trying to do the right thing for Soccer."

"The NSL, and the ASF run by Sir Arthur George, should have insisted on something better from Sydney City."

"We have been speaking to two promoters, seeking ideas for a huge day, and Belmore Sports Ground was to have been the venue."

"A bye is ridiculous — we must do something."

The following week APIA plays Sydney Croatia away.

Mr Prestia hopes that Sydney Croatia would be

prepared to reverse fixtures in a gesture that would be greatly appreciated.

Caruso's Views

Adelaide City's Charlie Caruso was yet another club chairman to express himself forcibly over the Sydney City debacle.

"The clubs must have a close look at the possibility of action in this matter," he said.

"Budgets have been worked out including the

Sydney City game. Unless we do something we entirely lose one home game."

Other clubs pointed out that the criteria in gaining 1987 League membership was bound up to a fair degree on Sydney City's inclusion in the allocated points.

Had they pulled out before the season — which all agree that they should have done despite the timing of their annual meeting — other clubs might have been included.

TURN AGAIN, NSW!

BLACKTOWN CITY supremo Peter Thorne yesterday blasted the NSW Soccer Federation for downgrading the job specification for executive director's position.

"While the NSW Rugby League has prospered under John Quayle and the Rugby Union has gone ahead under Ken Elphick, we learn through the press that we must have a person of lesser stature," he said.

"Just because someone who was stated to have the right qualities knocked the job back is no reason to drop the requirements."

Mr Thorne pressed the Board to secure an executive of high promotional ability, saying the game did not need someone who merely buried himself in worrying about minor matters.

He was deeply critical of both the NSL and the NSW Federation.

"Our club is disillusioned that things that are expected to happen have not occurred."

"The Sydney City matter was a disaster. We could have bought out their club twice over, but it wasn't in our interests."

"In NSW the Federation is not picking up its game and its sponsor must be expecting a much more dynamic approach to the competition," he added.

ABC-TV FA CUP

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ABC-TV, despite rumours to the contrary, will be bringing the full telecast of England's 1987 FA Cup final direct from Wembley Stadium.

Mr Jim Freeman, the ABC's Sports Editor, said last night: "Our network will commence coverage of the English FA Cup matches from this Thursday."

The FA Cup quarter finals will be screened from 10.30pm Thursday on the well-known Soccer programme, "Road To Wembley".

Full coverage of the



semi-finals will also be screened by the ABC over the succeeding Thursdays evenings, also at 10.30pm.

The 1987 FA Cup final will be telecast live from Wembley on Saturday May 16 from 11.30pm.

At this stage, Peter Wilkins will be the presenter and efforts are being made to bring Liverpool's Craig Johnston home to Australia to co-host the event.

MARCONI, FREE SPENDERS?

TITTLE TATTLE to the effect that Marconi had blown out its budget to buy success was slammed by club chairman Tony Labbozzetta yesterday.

"We have done better than balanced our budget whilst gaining extra assets which include two National team strikers," he pointed out.

The income side is remarkable — if not absolutely brilliant. The Vardar tour netted \$40,000, the function to secure Farina \$20,000, Brown brought \$32,000 and Tredinnick \$11,000. TOTAL \$103,000.

Costs were Farina \$32,000, Maxwell \$25,000, Gomez \$21,000, McCulloch \$20,000, Perdomo \$3000. TOTAL \$101,000.

Judicious selling, a pre-season tour whilst others were asleep and the support of its big licensed club were all harnessed for top results.

BRAVO, MARCONI!

The Editor

THE demise of Sydney City in its original form as sponsored by the Hakoah Club Ltd on Sydney's Bondi Beach, has a sad ring about it.

This club began with a handful of Jewish migrants in the immediate pre-World War II period.

It proceeded inevitably from the Eastern Suburbs SFA to the Metropolitan Soccer League and then the NSW SFA B Division and moved into the NSW Federation as Hakoah and Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs.

The club's exploits in the NSW State League and the NSL have been well documented and speak volumes for the quality of its play.

When migration was at its height and newly arrived fans were jammed into the middle of Sydney, the crowds were there to support the club with its high standard of largely imported players.

But it is a long time since anything resembling crowds supported the club, apart from when visitors bring the following.

Arguments that the club was formed as a Soccer club have fallen on deaf ears and there will be a limited allocation of funds in future to cover an amateur presence.

Like its former great competitor Prague, it fell by the wayside under its present control because the attendances are not there to support it.

There seems little doubt that, had enough people been interested to follow the team, the Hakoah board would have felt justified in continuing with the semi-professional exercise.

But to put in \$285,000 a year for what amounts to very few spectators, to face up to \$300,000 and without question much more in the next few years is difficult to justify.

Yet, as previously observed, there will be more than a tinge of regret when they Hakoah Club closes its door on a semi-professional Soccer presence.

There is no doubt that this foreshadowed change in club stance demonstrates that there are many more moves to take place in the not too distant future for Soccer to take its desired place in the hierarchy of Australian sport.

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THERE will be a deal of pleasure amongst Soccer supporters with the Commonwealth Government's decision to drop plans to merge the Special Broadcasting Service and the Australian Broadcasting Commission for the time being.

There is no doubt that the Government has realised that to continue with the combining of the organisations could lead to an electoral backlash.

If ever there was a time when government and opposition will bend to their perceptions of public wishes it is now.

The service given by SBS-TV in particular with local and overseas football has been a huge advantage to the code.

The Government however has reserved its right to review the position in the future and claims to be concerned over the increasing of the standard of transmission for the network.

SBS has expanded from a very small base to give cover to most of the major cities in the Commonwealth.

There is however the difficulty that so much of the country is not covered and that in the cities the signal does not reach enough viewers.

In spite of considerable opposition to the merger it is obvious that the major Soccer-loving communities would have some gains from a combined public broadcasting service.

In Soccer the migrant groupings which are interested in the game are often of insufficient size to be duplicated in country cities and towns.

Clubs there are largely on a community basis, and lack of country cover by SBS leaves them out in the cold along with the other Soccer-orientated people.

LIONS LAIR

BRISBANE Lions are ready to step back into the National League — and have been quick to point out to the Australian Soccer Federation and the West End NSL their "moral and legal right" to do so if a vacancy occurs.

Last week, within an hour of hearing of the dramas at Sydney City, Lions had letters heading south to the ASF and the NSL, announcing their readiness to step back into Australia's premier competition.

"Admittedly we have lost players from last year's side, but we also have considerable financial resources to call upon to buy others should we be re-admitted," Lions president John Marcus said.

Lions last year finished 15th in the criteria list which decided the 14 teams to

play in this year's national competition. They have no doubts that should a vacancy occur now, or anytime in the future, they should be the one given first option.

Despite losing three key players from last year — Danny Wright (to South Melbourne), John Stewart and Steve Jackson (both Preston) — Lions have dominated Queensland Soccer this season and are yet to lose a game in two pre-season tournaments and in the League fixtures so far. The club has channelled all efforts towards winning the Queensland competition and gaining a place in the end-of-season play-offs to gain NSL promotion.



Whether Lions gain an instant promotion, or have to win their way back next season, one thing is for certain, the club's whole approach to competing in the

League will be different.

The club has learned valuable lessons from the VFL entry of the Brisbane Bears and the amazing success story of the Brisbane Bullets in the National Basketball League.

When Lions return to the NSL, it will be more as a Queensland entry rather than as a club identity. A name change could even be floated with the Bears-rejected "Northern Raiders" gaining popular support.

Matches are likely to be played at the central Perry Park, Queensland Soccer headquarters, rather than at Lions' own stadium in the far western suburbs.

Lions may also seek to involve the Queensland Soccer Federation and many of its leading clubs to ensure the resources of the whole of Queensland are behind the team.

"A lot of things are only ideas at this stage. But if we are to return to the NSL, it can't be as we were in the last few years. We must be a successful operation on and off the field and we must be a team and an organisation which captures the imagination of every Queensland sporting fan and not just Lions supporters," Oudendyk said.

GREG RUSSELL

SPARKLING \$5 MILL. BRANDON PARK AVAILABLE TO WOLLONGONG WOLVES

A PHIL MURPHY SPECIAL

BRANDON PARK is one very good reason why Wollongong must get back in to the National Soccer League — the \$5 million stadium being built five kilometres from the city centre is seen as the perfect home for Soccer.

Stage one of the project, costing \$1.9m, is to be completed shortly and the complex will be fully completed early in 1990.

Soccer will be played there regularly before that date and it is envisaged the first game with kick-off as early as April next year.

It will be a one-off Bicentenary game as part of the Pageant of Nations.

The Brandon Park project has been shrouded by controversy and it hasn't just involved the costing, which has been provided by Federal and State Governments as well as Wollongong City Council.

Illawarra Steelers rugby league club were originally keen to have the complex as their home ground but the State Government made it clear no one organisation would be taking it over.

The Steelers have since made a strong push to develop Wollongong Showground — present home ground of the Steelers and the Wollongong City Soccer Club.

The Steelers' board have had lengthy

private boxes, bars, disabled access, function room and Press box.

There will be parking for about 2000 cars with adjacent training grounds.

If Wollongong Showground were to be retained as a long-term venue for rugby league, Brandon Park would become the Soccer base in Illawarra.

CRAIG IS A HITMAN

NO, don't be fooled by the headline — Liverpool's and likely to be Australian international **CRAIG JOHNSTON** has not turned to the dark side of the game and become a ruthless kicker, in fact the hitting he is doing is on the pop-charts!

Johnston has just completed writing a song in honour of his club under the title of 'Pride of Merseyside'.

It is also a video showing 'Roo' in his many exploits for Liverpool and some of his arduous

It has always been painfully obvious that Soccer and rugby league are not compatible when sharing a ground.

At Wollongong Showground, curators have always prepared the ground for rugby league and the long grass does not produce skilful Soccer.

If both codes eventually share Brandon Park this problem will continue.

BY FRANK COLETTA

training rituals. The dynamic midfielder is in sterling form for the Anfield team despite being somewhat handicapped by a back injury that will require surgery at seasons end.

TERRY SMITH ONCE MORE?!



KEVIN HAGAN has arrived in Australia with a style that reminds of ex-Hakoah striker **TERRY SMITH**.

That's the big wrap the New Zealand international received from his mentor at the now defunct Sydney City — Eddie Thomson, who had Hagan in his stable only a couple of weeks and saw fit to compare the strapping front-runner with his former teammate.

"He is like Terry in so many ways. He is good and comfortable on the ball and he could well go on to grab goals the way 'Smithy' used to so regularly," stated Thomson.

Hagan's debut for City was against Sydney Olympic at the St. George Stadium in which he played a prominent part in the 2-0 result.

On the strength of his performance against the likes of David Rutcliffe and Tony Dokes, Hagan will have no trouble setting himself up with another club and already Wollongong City in the NSW State League has approached him along with St. George in the NSL.

—FRANK COLETTA

Gomez Pays Up

BY FRANK COLETTA



MARCONI's suspended central defender **GERRY GOMEZ** has suffered doubly for his misdemeanours in the WENSL's first round.

Gomez it will be remembered was sent-off against Brunswick Juventus in Marconi's 2-1 defeat after two bookable offences and he not only has had to serve a one game suspension but was also hit with a heavy fine by coach Roberto Vieri.

Vieri was very disappointed not only with his strapping centre back but with the whole line-up.

Minus Ian Gray, as they were again against St. George on Sunday, the Fairfielders showed little of the form that had everyone raving about them in pre-season as being world-beaters.

His other big-name buys Frank Farina and Steve Maxwell have worked hard at getting a partnership going but it seems time together up-front will be the only answer — there can be no miracle blend.

JOY OVER WEST END LEAGUE



WEST END's Warwick Duthy, SBS presenter Les Murray, NSL's Stefan Kamasz and chairman Sam Papaasavas with SBS chief executive Ron Brown.

A Former Great Wraps Franken

THE EYES of former Soccerroo goalkeeper RON CORRY shone when he spoke of Sydney Croatia's young custodian ANTHONY FRANKEN.

"In two years Franken will be without doubt the best in Australia. The Soccerroo shirt will be his."

"He is that good," he claimed.

High praise indeed, but not without substantial support from others who have hoisted for the 23-year-old's inclusion in the Australian team, myself included.

Apart from Terry Greedy and Jeff Oliver they come no better than Franken.

This exciting prospect, with time on his hands, first came to prominence in the 1983 World Youth Championships in Mexico.

Prior to those finals he was in fact only understudy to Chris Hummel, but when Hummel was injured Franken was given a chance to strut his stuff in a warm-up match and he never looked back.

Lee Schienflug started him in every match and he was brilliant.

From there it was into the Canberra City side and his performances did much to help the boys from the capital establish themselves in the top flight National League.

But now times are different in the WNSL and Anthony is playing in a Sydney Croatia team that was more than competitive before he arrived. Since then the team has gained another asset to its already wholesome cake.

Franken has no delusions about the differences from Canberra to Croatia: "It is great to be involved in a team that is so good. To win the way we have been is all the better."

And Corry continued: "He is the best young keeper around by a mile. He is consistently good where others have a good day and a horror the next."

ASW's own Mike Johnson also believes Franken has just a little way to go yet before he establishes himself as number one.



ANTHONY FRANKEN in action for Australia against Nottingham Forest.

"Franken is a good keeper no doubt. He is good on shots but still not so smart on crosses. However he punches too many crosses when he should catch them."

"I suppose that is why he is still waiting as a back up to the national team rather than being number one. He is young and time is on his side," says Johnson.

At the moment Australia's goalkeepers are a similar breed but Franken is one out of the box, a real thoroughbred.

I remember one save he made for Canberra against APIA last year when Jim Hamilton ran unmarked inside the six yard box and latched onto a cross with a powerful header, sending it toward Franken pinned on his goal line. The keeper's reactions were instinctively amazing as he dove backwards and across to flick the rocketing ball over.

Time will tell whether this sort of form will see him finally grab the Australian shirt for keeps.

—FRANK COLETTA

MELBOURNE — ADELAIDE OPENERS TOMORROW FOR BEACH FASHIONS CUP

HINDMARSH Stadium Adelaide and Olympic Park Melbourne are the venues for tomorrow (Wednesday) night's opening of the Beach Fashions Cup.

BY
KEITH
GILMOUR

Adelaide City must be surely favoured to down Sunshine George Cross, but the two Melbourne games point to close results.

Brunswick Juventus has fitness on its side in the battle with Melbourne Croatia, but the latter are renowned as Cup fighters.

Preston and Footscray have already traded blows in the League first round for a scoreless draw.



OSCAR CRINO

Oscar Crino has been waiting for his clearance from Cyprus. If the matter is settled he will give Footscray quite a boost.

The Cup begins on a

regional basis, with South Melbourne and



TONY DORIGO

Heidelberg United having byes.

SBS Television will screen an hour of highlights at 11.30am on Sundays, beginning on Sunday April 19.

The first round draw is:

APRIL 8, 1987

Adelaide City v Sunshine George Cross 6pm Hindmarsh Stadium, Brunswick Juventus v Melbourne Croatia 6.30pm Olympic Park, Footscray v Preston Makedonia 8.30pm Olympic Park.

APRIL 14, 1987

Marconi v Sydney City 7.30pm Marconi Stadium.

APRIL 15, 1987

Sydney Croatia v APIA-Leichhardt 7.30pm Croatian Sports Centre, Sydney Olympic v St George BSC 7.30pm St George Stadium.

BYES: South Melbourne, Heidelberg United.

Further rounds in the Beach Fashions Cup will be played on successive Wednesdays with the final being played at the end of May on a home and away basis.

TONY IS WANTED!

ASTON VILLA boss BILLY McNEILL has issued a 'hands off' warning to clubs chasing his England Under-21 full-back TONY DORIGO.

The Australian-born Dorigo has been peppered with offers but McNeill insists: "Because we were prepared to change Tony for Chelsea's DAVID SPEEDIE, people now assume he is up for grabs. This is not the case."

"There are only a few players I would swap him for and they are not available."

Young Dorigo will in fact be on his way back home to Australia come the end of the English First Division for a stint, in June, with his old club Adelaide City.

His stay with the black and whites should be for about four weeks. He in fact wanted to play last season when he was in

Adelaide holidaying but his club would not release him, this time around it seems they might allow him.

—FRANK COLETTA

THE SOCCEROOS TO FACE USA

THERE is a distinct possibility that the Australian Soccerroos could take on the USA during the President's Cup series to be held in Korea during June.

It was announced late last week that the US have been accepted as a participant in the series which also includes Egypt, Morocco, Kuwait, Argentina and Chile.

Korea's Soccer officials also announced that there will be two other leading nations playing in the tournament and the full list will be announced this week, possibly tomorrow.

—F.C.

TOP 10

BUGSY NYKONOUS (Ad City)
FRANK PIMBLETT (Bris City)
ALAN NYEN (Bris Lions)
JOE WATSON (Syd City)
MURRAY BARNES (Syd City)
STEVE O'CONNOR (Syd City)
GRAHAM HONEYMAN (West Ad)
MARK JANKOVICS (Marconi)
ZORAVKO LJUNC (Footscray)
THEO SELEMDIS (H'dberg)



STEVE O'CONNOR

MARCONI AND CSR GYPROCK PUT ONE IN THE NET:

Marconi - Gyprock Youth Development Programme 1987 Soccer Clinics

Coaching from the experts - for players from Under 9 to Under 15. There'll be two clinics held at Marconi Field No. 2 Marconi Road, Bossley Park, with between 25 and 100 players at each clinic.

CSR Gyprock will give each player a T-shirt and provide caps for goalkeepers. Fees for the clinics will be \$40 for each player, and the best player in each age group will have the \$40 fee reimbursed by CSR.

Clinics: Tuesday April 21 to Friday April 24 (incl.)

Tuesday July 7 to Friday July 10 (incl.)
Coaches to include Roberto Vieri, Tony Henderson, Bruce James, David Lowe, Steve Maxwell, Robert Wheatley and other senior Marconi coaches and players.

To attend the clinic, please apply by completing this coupon and send to:

Mr. K. Charles, Soccer Secretary,
Club Marconi, Marconi Road,
Bossley Park, NSW 2176.

Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Name	Postcode
Address	Date of Birth
Home Phone No	Grade Currently Playing
Club	School
Preferred Playing Position	Preferred Clinic Dates



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SYDNEY CROATIA 4 (M. Jones, G. Arnold, A. Rumora, R. Slater) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (C. Kalantzis) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 8225.
MARCONI 2 (Z. Nastevski, F. Farina) ST GEORGE 0 at Marconi Oval. Crowd: 1707.
LEICHHARDT 2 (B. Zaimis, R. Brown) drew with ADELAIDE CITY 2 (A. Vidmar, C. Villani) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 2155.
PRESTON 2 (S. Smith, Z. Ilioski) SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (C. Egan) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 3000.
MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (og. I. Wallace) b BRUNSWICK 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 2500.
HEIDELBERG 3 (S. Fraser, T. Selemidis, P. Tsolakis) FOOTSCRAY 0 at Heidelberg. Crowd: 3000.

Syd Croatia	2	2	—	10	2	4
Adel C	2	1	—	6	3	3
Leichhardt	2	1	—	5	3	3
Preston	2	1	—	2	1	3
S. Melb	2	1	—	4	2	2
Marconi	2	1	—	1	3	2
H.berg	2	1	—	1	4	2
Brunswick	2	1	—	1	2	3
Melb Croatia	2	1	—	1	3	6
Footscray	2	—	—	1	0	3
St George	2	—	—	2	1	5
Olympic	1	—	—	1	1	4
Sunshine	1	—	—	1	0	3

MURRAY SENT OFF AS PRESTON WIN

It was a day of contrasting fortunes for Preston as they got back on the winner's list at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

Preston, after a disappointing first round effort against Footscray, struck back to defeat South Melbourne 2-1.

But, to spoil the day of celebration their coach Bill Murray was sent from the playing arena by referee Don Campbell after twice screaming at the referee during the second half.

But, for all that, it was Preston's day despite fielding an inexperienced first team and a decidedly under-strength squad.

They weathered early

South Melbourne pressure as the star studded Hellas ran riot in the first 20 minutes.

Danny Wright, the former Brisbane Lions star, came close to putting a first goal away in the 14th minute with his chance being his team's best of the first half.

Charlie Egan twice had chances to give South Melbourne a deserved lead in the opening stanza but the young Macedonia side fought back valiantly and finally, against the run of play, went ahead just

seven minutes prior to half-time.

A corner from Zoran Ilioski was put away by back to form Steve Smith, who took advantage of Peter Laumets' indecisiveness to get the crucial first goal on the scoreboard.

With John Stewart in top form for Preston the young home team started to press home their advantage.

South Melbourne still managed to keep in contention with some fine first time stuff but it was as courageous a game Preston have played since midway through last year that saw them not only stay with Hellas but go 2-0 in front.

The second goal, which put paid to the Hellas challenge, came in the 50th minute when Ilioski played a glorious one-two with Ron Campbell just outside the area before the former left the defence flat-footed and unleashed a tremendous shot to give Preston the points.

Some 18 minutes from full-time Charlie Egan's shot was deflected into his own net by Preston's Steve Jackson.

A substitution saw Ken Murphy's long overdue return to the first team and his introduction seemed to inspire Hellas over the final moments, but Preston held fast for the precious two points.

PRESTON: Trainidis, Opeles, McLennan, Jackson, Ploosovski, Tafelovski (Jolevski 70th min), Ilioski, Campbell, Stewart, Smith, Goyovic.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, McDowell, Blair, Wade, Crainie (Murphy 58th min), Miranda, Stevenson, Egan, Wright.

Referee: Don Campbell.
Crowd: 3000.

ROD BOWLES

FOR THOSE WHO TAKE THEIR SPORT SERIOUSLY

CROATIA'S DEVASTATING SPELL TOO MUCH FOR PLUCKY OLYMPIC

SYDNEY CROATIA, showing much greater reserves of fitness over the last 20 minutes, were able to steamroll a rejuvenated Sydney Olympic 4-1 at the St George Stadium.

Olympic, who during the week sacked their Yugoslav coach Milan Lukic, appointed centre-back David Ratcliffe as care-taker coach with John Kosmina as his assistant.

Olympic's crashing left-winger, Chris Kalantzis scored with a slashing 12 metre shot after chipping down a 35 metre free-kick from his

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

captain, Peter Raskopoulos in the 30th minute.

Sydney Olympic came at Sydney Croatia with venomous pressure as Terry Patalis, Raskopoulos and Gary Phillips locked horns with Zarko Odzakovic, Ante Rumora and Graham Jennings.

Seconds before half-time, Sydney Croatia equalised when Rumora whipped in a perfect cross for Mark Jones to climb high and score with a powerful header.

Despite Croatia's four goals, Sydney Olympic's star-player was none other than their giant, veteran goalkeeper, Gary Meier. In fact had it not been for Meier's superb performance, Croatia could easily have rattled up another four goals.

Power-laden drives from Sydney Croatia's Graham Arnold, Shane Clinch, Arnold again, and Jones, were all magnificently blocked by Meier.

Meanwhile, Odzakovic repeatedly breached Olympic's lines with his immense close ball skills as he zigged zagged his way through a heap of Olympic defenders to set up a glut of chances.

Olympic, however, obviously unfit, buckled badly over the last 12 minutes as Croatia raced in another three goals.

Playing a one-two with Robbie Slater in the 78th minute, Arnold scooted into the box, rounded Meier to tap home their second goal.

Midfielder Rumora, made it 3-1 when he scored with a spectacular 12 metre header from a super cross by Odzakovic.

Slater made it 4-1 as he

raided into the box to nail in the last goal of the match with great ease.

Sydney Croatia's play-coach, Vederan Rozic, obviously most pleased with his lads, stated: "It is a great pleasure coaching these boys. I was very happy with the way we created so many chances."

A somewhat sceptical Olympic care-taker coach, Ratcliffe

lamented: "We will get much better as we pick up in our fitness department over the next couple of

weeks and with the recruitment of another two or three players this week."

Stars of the battle were Odzakovic, Rozic and Jones for the victory, whilst Olympic's aces were Meier, Phillips and Ratcliffe.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Svinnes (Spennoukakis 66th), Ratcliffe, Dekon, Hantziar, Patalis, Raskopoulos (Dragovic 42nd), Phillips, Katsamiridis, Kosmina, Kalantzis.
SYDNEY CROATIA: Franko: Sencer, Vlastra, Huale, Jones, Odzakovic, Rumora, Jennings, Slater, Arnold, Jurin (Clinch).
Referee: J. Reeves.
Crowd: 8,225.



Croatia's Graham Jennings and Olympic's Terry Patalis fight for possession

HEIDELBERG BOUNCE BACK

John Margaritis' reshuffled Heidelberg United team bounced back from its disastrous defeat in Adelaide last weekend with some style as it downed Footscray at Olympic Village.

Margaritis, appointed on the eve of the new season to replace Roy McLaren, brought in some not inconsiderable changes to the Heidelberg camp last week.

Con Pappas and Doug Brown were both transferred midweek, while Mike Valentine and Paul Langsbury also looked likely to be on their way.

The changes, however, were not confined to off the field as Margaritis reshuffled his team from the one that went down 4-1 against Adelaide City in round one.

John Kanesoulis was shifted to right back, Chris Kepsakidis was moved to centre half

By JASON STEVENS

and skipper Theo Selemidis was moved back into his rightful midfield role for what was expected to be a testing task against Drago Sekularic's Footscray.

But, the question is now whether the Sekularic magic, which worked wonders for JUST last season, is on the wane.

Footscray were hopeless as Heidelberg crushed their spirit with a comprehensive 3-0 win.

With the exception of Tyrone James and Tom Karic Footscray put in one of the club's worst displays since the Yugoslavian super coach took the reins just over 12 months ago.

Conversely it was a big performance from the maligned Heidelberg after last week's thrashing and it was also

a sparkling debut for striker Scott Fraser, who was signed late last week from Green Gully for \$7000.

Fraser opened the scoring for Heidelberg six minutes from half-time with a finely taken goal.

The Bergers should have scored twice more early in the second half but a fine save by Zoran Nikitovic and some daring defensive work in the Footscray half saw the Blues remain in contention.

But 16 minutes from time Selemidis took on the Blues defence and scored another of his memorable goals to make it 2-0 and it looked like the floodgates were

about to open.

Five minutes later Peter Tsolakis, back up front partnering Lawrie McKinnon, made it 3-0 when he outran the defence with a typical run before side-stepping the hapless Nikitovic and slamming the ball into the net.

It was a most convincing performance from Heidelberg, who went into the game a most unsure proposition.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver: Katsakidis, Kanesoulis, Hunter, Marley, Selemidis, Lucchesi, Fraser, Anastasiadis, Tsolakis, McKinnon.
FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic: James, Karic, Van Egmond (Barjakovic 74th min), Tapal, Lazopoulos, Radivojevic (Burlak 59th min), Latt, Curovic, Campbell, Spink.
Referee: Arthur Owens.
Crowd: 3500.

TOP SCORERS

R. Slater (S. Croatia)	4
R. Brown (Apl)	3
A. Vidmar (Ad C)	2
C. Villani (Ad C)	2
J. Yzendoorn (Brun)	2
P. Wade (S. Melb)	2
G. Arnold (S. Croatia)	2
A. Rumora (S. Croatia)	2



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APIA BACK FROM DEAD IN A DRAMATIC FINISH

AN 88th minute goal driven hard and low past Willie McNally by Rod Brown secured Apia a deserved 2-2 draw with Adelaide City at Lambert Park on Sunday.

On their first half performance APIA appeared to have not a ghost of a chance of climbing out of jail, but afterwards they were absolutely top value.

In fact the players twice appealed for penalties from referee Richard Lorenc, and they were highly incensed when they were not awarded.

Adelaide City were so superior in the first session that they may well have decided to lay back on their 2-0 lead.

Maybe it was a tendency to laze in the afternoon sun, but for whatever reason they had no counter when APIA decided to put the pressure on.

APIA coach Rale Rasic brought Mark Brady on for Edward Lorenc in the second half

BY KETH GILMOUR

to deprive the Adelaide attack of space.

Brady, having done his job and with time run-



ALEX BUNDALO

ning out, was replaced by Rasic, who gambled by bringing striker Garry Ward in for him. It was then that things began to happen.

But from the kick-off Adelaide City was all class, with Adrian Santrac, Charlie Villani and Aurelio Vidmar calling the shots.

Vidmar scored in the second minute from a Santrac corner, and Villani brought two up in the 15th.

The visitors were spraying crossfield passes with impunity and accuracy, and pushing balls continually for men to collect immediately or take in open spaces.

The second half brought a string of yellow cards — five in 16 minutes — as APIA began to win the ball.

Burim Zajmi sparked up, and with Alex Bundalo and Peter Tredinick supplying the build-up, he scored in the 76th

FINISH

minute.

Suddenly it was all APIA, and Willie McNally was under pressure and the excellent defence of Neville Flounders and Alex Tobin was finding the pace very hot indeed.

Hilton Phillips blew one opportunity by hitting high, but then Rod Brown drove into the corner with a low, hard shot.

Back in Adelaide the signing was announced of Andy Toland, formerly of Adelaide Beograd and Bayswater in Perth, and he is capable of doing a great job for the club.

APIA-LEIGHARDT: Pezzano, Yankos, Berlogna, M.Brown, Bundalo, Tredinick, Zajmi, R.Brown, Lorenc (Brady 46, Ward 72), Butler, Phillips.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Schlabach, Tobin, Nyskhous, Flounders, Mella, Santrac, Villani, J.McLellan, Wilde, Vidmar.
Referee: R.Lorenc. Crowd: 2155.



BUGGY NYSKHOUS marshalls the Adelaide City defence

COACH UPSET AFTER POOR PERFORMANCE

Brunswick Juventus coach Len McKendry lashed out at his team following a shock 2-0 loss to Melbourne Croatia at Olympic Park on Sunday.

McKendry called it the "the worst display by a Juventus team" since he has been at the club.

And it was. Juventus, seemingly in top form after a convincing first round win over Marconi, was at its undisciplined worst against Croatia on Sunday and the loss left McKendry scratching his head.

"There are no excuses — the players simply have to learn that if they can't pass and can't control the ball then they cannot win matches," a downcast McKendry said.

"How can they play last week as they did and then play like they did today? The spectators deserve their money back."

McKendry's tongue lashing was more than justifiable. Juventus was pathetic against a Melbourne Croatia team still smarting from a 6-1 thrashing at the hands of Sydney Croatia.

An own goal with the game only three minutes old allowed little confidence into the Croatia side and Terry Hennessey's boys didn't look back.

Ian Wallace, the \$4 million man, capped his home debut with a well taken second half goal and from that point on Croatia were home for full points.

"We could have done one of two things," a beaming Hennessey said after the game. "Either we could have bounced back or let it affect us and get beaten again."

BY GREG BLAKE

"As it was everybody faced up to the disgraceful truth about our performance last week and we decided we could do something about it."

There might not have been as much style in Melbourne Croatia's win as one might have expected from that club

but it was a convincing win nevertheless.

Juve's dismal day ended with the dismissal of John Yzendoorn.

Alan Davidson, in the sweeper's role, Don McIntosh and Robbie Dunn found Juve's predictable and rare forward moves easy pickings.

MELB CROATIA: Hunje, Davidson, McIntosh, Dunn, Campbell, Lewis, Shible, MacLean (Humble 79th min), Scott, Wallace, Lane-shine.

JUVENUS: Marrama; Durakovic, Lewis, Brown, Indentalupo, Yzendoorn (sent off 90th min), Collier, Gribac (Belic 57th min), Lane, Patterson, Zini.
Referee: Jim Rossie.
Crowd: abt 3000.

FARINA ASKS MARCONI FANS TO HAVE SOME PATIENCE

THE words of star striker Frank Farina best summed up Marconi's 2-0 win over St.George at Bossley Park on Sunday.

BY FRANK COLETTA

"People expect results from us straight away because we've bought pretty big, but this isn't possible until we get, what is obviously a talented squad, blending together," he said.

In fact Marconi didn't blend at all in the first half and could consider themselves fortunate to have gone into the break on level terms.

Their coach Roberto Vieri vented his disappointment afterwards, saying: "I wasn't happy at all in the first half. All 11 players let me down, we won but that is all."

The Saints started with a rush and from the kick-off built a move which

caught the home side on the hop and ended with Graeme Fletcher shooting weakly.

George Kulcsar showed good form going forward from the centre of defence for the visitors in the first 45 minutes but as coach Frank Arok explained, he was found out in defence in the second term.

"Our defenders had their marking duties set and twice we gave away goals when a couple of them weren't picked up."

They never would have scored had we marked up

properly in the centre," he said.

For the Fairfields, David Lowe worked tirelessly in midfield and came up with a fine piece of individuality in the latter stages of the first half when he turned on a six-pence and curled a shot agonisingly wide of Mike Gibson's far post.

For the second time in as many weeks Vieri admitted his mistake of not starting Zlatko Nastevski and having too many workers and not enough creators in the midfield.

With 'Nasty' on Marconi woke up and as early as the first minute of the second term he drove a shot just wide after Lowe sent him through.

It was Nastevski and Lowe again in the 50th minute with the former

latching onto a neat pass and finishing with a clinical left foot drive.

Marconi took the ascendancy from here and went two ahead in the 73rd minute when the brilliant Lowe beat two men on the flank, raced to the by-line and cut a perfect pass back to the unmarked Farina and his stabbed strike made it 2-0.

Marconi's midweek \$20,000 acquisition from the now defunct Sydney City Tommy McCulloch, was quiet in the first half but shone when it mattered most in the second and Vieri was quite happy with his first-up performance.

Vieri was glad that the two points were picked up but lavished no praise on his charges. "There was no spark. My boys haven't the confidence they had earlier in the season. Last week's loss got them down. There is a lot of work to be done."

Despite his despondency at the lacklustre effort Vieri did single out a couple of his men for praise. "Tony Henderson was very good and so was Bobby Catlin in goals."

Arok on the other hand was not expecting miracles from his young side: "With a side as shaky as this you need a bit of luck, a bounce of the ball and we haven't been getting it," he said.

MARCONI: Catlin, Carter, Wheatley, Sharkey, Henderson, Mason, Carbone (Badevski 66), Lowe, Farina, Maxwell (Gunning 60), McCulloch.

ST.GEORGE: Gibson, Green, Kulcsar, O'Shea, Slavovik, Moffitt, Pelkavski (Oliemshaw 62), Porter, Koczka (Dwane 73), Riley, Fletcher.
Crowd: 1707
Referee: G.Power.



DAVID LOWE was in great form for Marconi

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THOMMO'S BARGAINS



HAPPY DAYS for Sydney City and Eddie Thomson.

WHAT could well have been Australia's best club team this year is being sold off for a song.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

The Sydney City squad was worth \$100,000 on the market but they could go for not much more than \$50,000 this week in a bargain basement clearance after \$20,000 of that is already in hand for Tommy McCulloch.

High drama came on Friday when Slickers' chairman Andrew Kemeny presented the West End League with a four paragraph letter of resignation.

day," it began.

Clubs are now asking how, after Sydney City had been a month to month proposition for the last four years, matters had been allowed to carry on as they did.

The sponsoring Hakoah Club Ltd was facing the need to supply a completely out of proportion \$300,000 subsidy for the coming season.

All that for a club attendance so pathetically small that it often hardly reached the proportions of a local Premier League clash.

But for highly successful club coach Eddie Thomson — with a string of NSL championship successes — the winding up has actually come as a welcome relief.

Said Eddie: "I'm glad it is over. Trying to motivate players to play before 200 people including the mothers and fathers has been difficult indeed."

"We have depended on the likes of Wollongong to supply some of our crowds. This year we would have been much

worse off against the Melbourne clubs."

"It will take me three to four weeks to wind up affairs and then Pauline and I will take a plane to Queensland and soak up the sun for a week."

Gratitude

Thomson was most grateful to Sydney City for giving him a free hand with the players, attributing 50% of his unmatched success to their support.

He added: "The right thing is being done by the players to help them to find clubs."

"Every one of them is worth a place in another NSL side. Fancy putting a player who is going as well as Steve O'Connor on a free transfer!"

No mean judge, Thomson classed goalkeeper Clint Gosling as being "as good as any keeper in the country" and understudy Brett Hughes as "simply gigantic".

Perhaps the most pro-

gnant quote in the whole destabilising affair came from League chairman Sam Papasavas.

He stated that Frank Lowy, the Westfield chairman who is seen to have oversight of Channels 10 in Sydney and Melbourne, had made a commitment.

Mr Lowy would enquire over what could be done to promote Soccer as soon as his organisation takes command.

Hopefully some light will come from this week's darkest hours.

So far as Eddie Thomson is concerned, you

don't have to be Einstein to work out which club he is likely to join.

P.S. As far as an offer of \$650,000 for Sydney City is concerned, Blacktown City advise they were offered the team less three players for \$70,000.

National Youth League

DOUNIS' FOUR FOR LEADERS APIA

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

WITH just two rounds completed of the League it is obvious that the NSL clubs will dominate the competition.

The five clubs thrashed their State opposition scoring 28 goals and conceding only two last weekend.

Naturally the five clubs head the table after two rounds with APIA leading the charge following their 9-0 demolition of Warringah.

Lou Dounis pressed his claims for first team selection after scoring four times for Apia

against the hapless Warringah defence and Joe Russo from Marconi bagged a hat trick as Uruguay crashed to their second successive 4-0 defeat.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 5 SUTHERLAND 0

Sydney Olympic led through the middle by Steve Chilas and Nick Genaris completely dominated an unimaginative Sutherland.

The score could have been in double figures with four Olympic efforts cleared off the line and several open goals squandered.

However the Shire's best opportunities were also wasted before Olympic had opened their account. In the second minute Andrew Mellier hit the ball wide of the net with an open goal and in the 20th minute Peter King was brought down in the box by Bill London after escaping from the

defence. Fullback Matthew Fielding sent the keeper the wrong way from the spot kick but steered the ball wide.

A minute later Olympic went ahead and didn't look back. Bill Adamou got onto the end of a cross from the right flank and looped his header over the keeper and into the corner.

Jason Bennett added the second two minutes later when he touched the ball home over Simpson once again after a cross from Bill Pliatsikas.

Sutherland were unlucky not to pull one back before the interval when Wally Perkovic chipped the advancing London but his effort landed on the bar.

Olympic added a third early in the second period through Dennis Flermatis.

Substitute Jim Melissourgos netted in the 74th minute after a through ball from Nick Genaris and Steve Chilas neatly tucked away a penalty in the last minute after he was pulled down in the area.

OLYMPIC: London (Skelton), Pliatsikas, Georgiadis, Panariotis, Xenos, Goutas, Flermatis, Pliatsikas, Chilas, Bennett (Daniel), Genaris, Adamou (Melissourgos). Best Players: Steve Chilas, Nick Goutas, Pliatsikas, Bill Pliatsikas.

SUTHERLAND: Simpson, Long, Fielding, Carroll, Ashton, Giovanni, Pliatsikas, Laney (Clarke), King, Mellier, Perkovic (Burnell). Best Players: Adam Carroll, John Ashton, Andrew Long.

CANTERBURY 0 ST GEORGE 4

The Saints produced a strong second half performance in open-

ing their account for 1987 downing Canterbury 4-0.

After 15 minutes Zoran Ilic nodded a corner down for Alex Lampropoulos to bang home.

Mike Grbevski turned on the style in the second period rounding three players and the keeper to net in the 55th minute and repeating the performance in the 80th minute. In between sub. Jim Morakeas lobbed the keeper for the third in the 60th minute and the Saints comfortably took the points and Canterbury slumped to their second defeat.

ST GEORGE: Ilic, Hamat, Kotovski, Naumovski, Kotovski, Lampropoulos, Ilic, Pottler, Telaki (Morakeas), Telaki, Grbevski. Best Players: Zoran Naumovski, Robert Hamat, Bill Kotovski.

MARCONI 4 URUGUAY 0

Marconi bounced back after their thrashing at the hands of Croatia last week and via the scoring exploits of Joe Russo easily accounted for Uruguay.

It took Russo just 36 minutes for his hat trick, the first in the third minute was a brilliant volley from the edge of the box.

The striker added two more in the 30th and 34th minute before That Lohan completed the scoring in the 66th minute.

MARCONI: Jones (Clapperton), Oranga, Pliatsikas, Curko (Alasidis), Budwe, Pandemo (Castro), Surjan, Okon, Russo, Lingori, Lohan.

Best Players: Joe Russo, Freddie Oranga, Brett Budwe. URUGUAY: De Marchi, Bocchino, Stoukars, Lekker, Rodriguez, Garcia, Green (Bruno), Genc, Ullas, Gomez (Vidal), Yildiz.

MELITA EAGLES 2 SYDNEY CROATIA 6

Croatia once again left another side in their wake, on this occasion Melita failed to stem the tide as Croatia knocked in six second half goals after a scoreless first period.

Croatia went to a 3-0 lead through Tony Kardum, Tony Krslovic and Adrian Ciscato before Steve Klinkacovski and Darren Pratt closed the gap for the Eagles.

Croatia kept their 100% record in tact with an own goal and further efforts from Krslovic and Ciscato.

MELITA EAGLES: Behn (Bowe), Pratt, Daley, Turay (Blake), Mylen (Tropoli), Shute, Dickenson, Oranga, Klinkacovski, Varsi, Beth.

Best Players: Darren Pratt, Anthony Varsi, Darren Beth. SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse, McLean, Sekulic, Stilet, Whart, Grubbe, Kardum, Genc, Krslovic, Ciscato, Tonik.

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Apia	2	2	0	0	13	0	4
Sydney Croatia	2	2	0	0	11	4	4
Sydney Olympic	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
St George	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
Marconi	2	1	0	1	5	2	2
Sutherland	2	1	0	1	5	2	2
Melita	1	0	0	1	3	0	0
Warringah	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
Auburn	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Canterbury	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Warringah	1	0	0	1	0	0	0



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St George Youth player ALEX LAMPROPOULOS challenges Uruguay's State forward IAN HUNTER.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 5 (Adamou 21, Melissourgos 74, Bennett 23, Flermatis 54, Chilas 90 pen) beat SUTHERLAND 0.

ST GEORGE 4 (Lampropoulos 15, Grbevski 55, 80, Morakeas 60) beat CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE 0.

APIA LEICHHARDT 9 (Dounis 18, 26, 57, 80 Zullo 32, 86 Parison 67, Vakkarstis 50 Pisano 90) beat WARRINGAH FRESHWATER 0.

MARCONI 4 (Russo 3, 30, 36 Lohan 66) beat AUBURN URUGUAY 0.

SYDNEY CROATIA 6 (Kardum 32, Krslovic 50, 78, Daley og, Ciscato 54, 83) beat MELITA EAGLES 2 (Klinkagouski 74, Pratt 79).



The State League Story

DEMONS SHOOT CLEAR OF THE FIELD

BLACKTOWN City shot two points clear of the field thanks to a 3-1 victory over Wollongong City in the match of the round at Wollongong Showground.

The game was characterised by a succession of yellow cards which were handed out to players from both teams — five to Wollongong and four to Blacktown.

These culminated in the sending off by referee Roger Doneau of Wollongong striker Rade Stefanovski four minutes into injury time.

Blacktown dominated the first half and jumped to 1-0 lead in the third minute when a pass from the left by Brian Ellem was deflected into the net by Brett Thornthwaite following a defensive mix-up.

The visitors increased the margin in the 40th minute when Paul Kay burst through onto a pass by Ellem to beat the off-side trap, rounded keeper Warwick Young and guided the ball into the empty net.

The second half was a different story as Wollongong bombarded the Blacktown defence.

After squandering several golden opportunities, the goal finally came in the 88th minute when Jock Morlando converted a penalty after a handball in the box by a Blacktown defender.

Wollongong con-

tinued to press for the equaliser but paid the price for all-out attack when, in injury time, Adam Sandy ran onto a long defensive clearance and, unchallenged, speared the ball past the advancing keeper.

WOLLONGONG: Young, Sleen, Alenworth, Hollfield, Berlinger (Dickson 45m), Morlando, Cokely, Girdi, Ristovski (Stefanovski 45m), Brodnik, Easthope.

BLACKTOWN: McPherson, Malar, Sterry, Reynolds, North, Jeffries, Kay, Ellem (Byrne 45m), Sandy, Thornthwaite (van Blerk 75m), Denyer.

MANLY WARRINGAH 2 URUGUAY 1

Manly proved once again that raw guts and fighting spirit can compensate for a shortcoming of skill and finesse with a hard fought 2-1 win over Uruguay at Cromer Park.

The locals took the lead in the 20th minute through Geoff Barker who blasted a 12 metre volley through a sea of players following a corner on the right.

However, Manly's jubilation was short-

lived and, only a minute later, Uruguay's John McKie planted the equaliser in the top left corner after superb lead-up work in midfield by Aytex Genc.

Uruguay held the edge in the second half but was repelled by Manly's rock-like defence and, in the 88th minute had any victory hopes dashed when Robbie Stuart and Ross Etherington combined to set up a goal from inside the six metre box by Mark Cimarosti.

Keeper, Warwick Tingle, shone out for Manly while McKie and Genc were Uruguay's outstanding performers.

MANLY: Tingle, Dennis (Smith 45m), Williamson, Pearce, Mangham, Stuart, Etherington, Juergens, Barker (Davidson 55m), Cimarosti, Loughran.

URUGUAY: Hoare, O'Donnell, Tomasic, Woods, Bourka, Kralovic (Gonzalez 53m), Batten, Thompson, Hunter, Genc, McKie.

SUTHERLAND 1 C'BURY-M'VILLE 1

Draw specialist, Sutherland, followed up its three successive scoreless draws with a 1-1 result against Canterbury-Marrickville in a fast and open clash at Seymour Shaw Park.

Sutherland hammered the Canterbury defence from the start and it came as little surprise in the eighth minute when Craig Hall streaked onto a long range header by Tony Caban before deftly steering the ball past keeper, Chris Hummel.

Canterbury refused to concede defeat and, after a series of threatening forays, eventually equalised in the 7th minute when Andromedas latched onto a corner from the left.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, R. O'Shea, Sellar, Terry, Bell, J. O'Shea, Cox, Harrington, Tasker, Hall, Caban.

CANTERBURY: Hummel, Vardoulis, Miskovicki, Radman, Arfornadis, George Stamos, Kalogeras, Borges, Andromedas, Acembaric.

NEWCASTLE 1 CANBERRA CITY 2

BY DAVE WILLIAMS
Canberra City can thank goalkeeper George Economopoulos and a large slice

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of luck for its last minute 2-1 win over Newcastle at the Adamstown Sportground.

Newcastle's tale of woe began before the kick-off when four of the chosen squad were forced to withdraw due to injury or illness.

The reconstructed Newcastle side received another setback in the 25th minute when Canberra's most dangerous player, Alan Reis, found the net with a precise header from a left side cross.

Newcastle ignored the reverse and threw everything at the Canberra defence, led consistently by Steve Bryant.

Nigel Drysdale was a constant thorn in the side of the Canberra backline and was unlucky not to score on four occasions.

He finally received some consolation for his efforts when he touched the ball on for his brother, Mark, to head past Economopoulos for the equaliser just three minutes from full time.

Newcastle's galant display ended after some two minutes of extra time and 40 seconds before the final whistle when Ray Junna made no mistake with his header from a corner kick that many will argue was an unjust finale to Newcastle's day of frustration.

NEWCASTLE: Grita, Milosevic, M.Drysdale, Bellie, Roberts, Calley, Graham, N. Drysdale, Cavannah, Bowen (McGuinness 75m), Perford.

CANBERRA: Economopoulos, Bryant, Marks, Dunn, Suarez, P. Reis, Junna, Semanni, Palacios, A. Reis, Gonzalez (Nelson 84m).

MELITA 0 W'GAH F/WATER 1

Warringah Freshwater brought Melita back down to earth with a thud following a upset 1-0 victory at Melita Stadium.

With just a couple of

Melita dominated the first half but was repelled by the ever-solid Warringah defence, led by the uncompromising David Watt.

In the dying seconds of the first half, and completely against the run of play, Warringah rocked Melita with a freak goal when Steve Knight headed a long clearance from defence over the head of keeper, Dragan Pupovac.

The goal instilled a new confidence in Warringah and, after the break, the northerners broke out of their defensive straight-jacket to launch a series of attacks on the Melita goal.

MELITA: Pupovac, Williams, Moorani, Callinan, Cabassi, Farugia, McFadden (Vial 46m), Wellbourne, Brown, Freeman (Leing 75m), Serbes.

WARRINGAH: Warren, Gillen, Duckling, Watt, Dean, Knight, Campbell, Kelly, Corrigan, De Capelle (Plesser 88m), Glanville, (Gale 75m).

INTER MONARO 2 ROCKDALE 0

BY GRAHAM COOK

Striker, Baz Giam-paolo, served notice to rival defences that he is returning to top form with a goal of quality in Inter-Monaro's 2-0 win over Rockdale Ilinden at the Marco Polo Ground.

With just a couple of

minutes of ordinary time remaining, he judged his run perfectly to take a pass from Vic Fernandez, cut inside an opponent, rounded keeper Ian Barker and side-footed the ball neatly past defender Darren Wilson into the net.

Earlier, utility man, Joe Gaggetti had opened the scoring in the 52nd minute when a taut Rockdale defence did nothing to challenge his run upfield.

"I couldn't understand it. They just seemed to open up before me" he said afterwards.

Barker could not hold Gaggetti's powerfully struck drive, the ball spun out of his hands and into the net.

INTER-MONARO: Marrese, Demetriovich (Montarosso 74m), Arthur, Gaggetti, Titalia, Antaresino, Culbertson, Panabianco (Pezal 81m), Valeri, Fernandez, Giampaolo.

ROCKDALE: Barker, D. Wilson, Boogaard, Markovski, Natsoki, Gerovase (Nikovski 15m, Ristovski 53m), Darlington, Rodas, Beddini, Spiroski.

KU-RING-GAI 2 W'GONG MACE. 1

Ku-ring-gai posted its first league win with a comfortable 2-1 victory over Wollongong Macedonla at Parklands Oval.

Relishing its first match of the season at home, Ku-ring-gai displayed an adventurous

spirit and creative flair which the southerners found hard to match.

Ku-ring-gai attacked from the start and went close to scoring in the first minute through Craig Bass and the 19th minute when Wollongong keeper, Danny Bezirovski, pulled off a miraculous save from a thunderous shot by David Kevern.

In the 26th minute, Ku-ring-gai opened the scoring from a high ball by Chris Quigley and Mike Berry was on hand to slot it away from 10 metres.

Wollongong replied in the 46th minute when big Peter Ruskin outjumped the Ku-ring-gai defence to head home an inswinging corner on the right by Phil Kerr.

However, seven minutes later, Ku-ring-gai was rewarded with a penalty after a Wollongong defender had handled in the box and Neale Williamson coolly converted from the spot.

In the ensuing minutes, chances flowed to both teams with Ku-ring-gai's Glenn Jeffrey sky-ing a simple chance over the bar in the 76th minute and Wollongong's Kerr being denied an easy tap in by the acrobatic keeping of Andrew Lacey.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Camburn, Laurie-Smith (Campbell 55m), Pepper, Berry, Quigley, Bennett, Williamson, Jeffrey (Nile 84m), Bass.

WOLLONGONG: Bezirovski, Muthauer, Campbell, Ruskin, Sweeney, Dalkovski, Jiras (Till 55m), Krkovski (Bonetti 85m), Kerr, Gardener, Graldi.

State Bank SOCCER LEAGUE Results

STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd
Wollongong City v Blacktown City	1-3	0-3
Newcastle Rosebud v Canberra City	1-2	0-5
Ku-ring-gai v Wollongong Mac	2-1	2-0
Inter Monaro v Rockdale Ilinden	2-0	1-3
Manly Warringah v Uruguay v Auburn	2-1	0-2
Sutherland v Cant. M'ville City	1-1	1-0
Melita Eagles v Warringah F/Water	0-1	5-1

STATE LEAGUE DIV 1 GR 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City	4	3	1	0	9	2	7
M. Warringah	4	3	0	1	5	2	6
Canberra City	4	2	2	0	5	3	6
Wollongong City	4	2	1	1	8	5	5
Melita Eagles	4	1	2	1	6	6	4
Newcastle R'buds	4	2	0	2	6	6	4
Sutherland	4	0	4	0	1	1	4
Warringah F.W.	4	2	0	2	5	6	4
Uruguay	4	1	1	2	9	7	3
Ku-ring-gai	4	1	1	2	4	3	3
Inter-Monaro	4	1	1	2	7	11	3
Canterbury-M'ville	4	0	2	2	4	8	2
Rockdale Ilinden	4	1	1	2	4	6	2

STATE LEAGUE DIV 1 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Uruguay	4	4	0	0	5	1	8
Blacktown City	4	3	1	0	14	3	7
Melita Eagles	4	3	0	1	20	2	6
Ku-ring-gai	4	3	0	1	5	2	6
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Rockdale	4	1	0	3	6	8	2
Cant-M'ville	4	1	0	3	3	9	2
Newcastle	4	1	0	3	3	10	2
Canberra City	4	1	0	3	6	13	2
Wollongong City	4	1	0	3	2	8	2

State Bank SOCCER LEAGUE

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

SATURDAY 11th APRIL	2ND DIVISION	
Fairy Meadow Nth Syd Artarmon	Vs Queens Park Vs Avala	Will Police Boys Artarmon Res
3RD DIVISION		
Campbelltown Canterbury Dist	Vs Bondi Marine Vs King Tomislav	Bensley Rd Sc Blick Oval

SUNDAY 12th APRIL STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

Blacktown City	Vs Ku-ring-gai	Gabbie Stadium
Wollongong Mac	Vs Inter Monaro	J.J. Kelly Park
Rockdale Ilinden	Vs Manly Warringah	Hurstville Oval
Uruguay Auburn	Vs Melita Eagles	Cook Park
Cant M'ville City	Vs Wollongong City	Arlington Oval
Canberra City	Vs Sutherland	Bruce Stad
Warringah F/Water	Vs Newcastle Rosebud	Graham Res
2ND DIVISION		
SSC Yugal	Vs Sydney Macabli	Blick Oval
Dee Why Swans	Vs Blacktown United	Dee Why Oval
Polonia	Vs Kingsford	Chopin Park
Nth Bankstown	Vs Gladesville Hby	Potts Park
3RD DIVISION		
Uni of NSW	Vs Moorebank	Little Bay Oval
West United	Vs Nth Ryde RSL	Harold Read Res
Port Hacking	Vs Mt Druitt	Seymour Shaw
Baulkham Hills	Vs Concordia	Ted Horwood Res
Rooty Hill	Vs Granville Chile	Cawarra Park

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The Victorian Newsreel

GOCE DIMOVSKI TO REPLACE ALEX DICK

PRESTON Makedonia has shelved plan to buy last year's Rothmans Gold Medal winner Alex Dick from Frankston Pines — at least for the time being.

BY GREG BLAKE

Dick had signed a contract with Preston after pre-season work and some practice games with the club and Makedonia pressed on with negotiations with Dick's State League team Frankston Pines.

But on the eve of the new season Frankston Pines withdrew its permission for Dick to train with Makedonia after the latter again refused to pay the \$8,000 transfer fee established by the VSF tribunal last month.

Makedonia president John Branov said his club was not prepared to pay \$8,000 for a player from the State League.

Preston is now sure to increase its interest in striker Goce Dimovski from Vardar Skopje.

Sackings

Preston might still rue the day it sacked both Gary Cole and Graham Heys.

In the light of their pathetic first up effort against Footscray JUST, Preston must be crying out for a striker of proven quality.

The loss of Sean Lane to Juventus was serious enough and to virtually sack Heys and Cole

leaves a gap up front that Preston will find hard to fill.



GARY COLE

Hendo

For all its stars new and old Marconi veteran Tony Henderson is still that club's best player according to 1987 first up opponents Brunswick Juventus.

Berger's Changes

Barnstorming former South Melbourne and Preston star Dougie Brown has been officially transferred by his current club Heidelberg.

The club was apparently not satisfied with his recent performances and will listen to any offers for the former NSL top scorer.

Scott Fraser of Melbourne State League club Green Gully is likely to sign with Heidelberg any day now and is expected to be rushed into the struggling first team.

No Swap

Melbourne Croatia, stung by its first round defeat in Sydney, has had another bid to grab Preston's transfer-listed Graham Heys rejected.

Croatia negotiated both a straight transfer and a swap deal that would have taken Andy Humble to Conner Reserve.

Melbourne Croatia has had further bad news with midfielder Jimmy Campbell having suffered a shoulder injury in a motor car accident.

Consolation

Ian Wallace, the former million pound Nottingham Forest star, was one of Melbourne

Croatia's few good players in his new club's first game 6-1 thrashing at the hands of Sydney Croatia.

And despite the enormity of the first-up defeat Wallace had some words of consolation for Melbourne Croatia supporters.

"The lads were shell-shocked after the game, but they'll get over it," he said.

"There is no point in letting it get you down and from what I've seen I don't think we'll have a problem with morale."

"They're a spirited bunch of lads and they'll recover quickly," Wallace said he has been impressed with what he has seen of Australian Soccer so far.

Mistake

Juventus coach Len McKendry rarely makes a mistake but in letting defender Eddie Campbell go to Footscray JUST recently he just might be seen to have made a poor decision.

With Fabio Incantato settling in nicely in the full-back position at Juventus McKendry couldn't find a place for Campbell despite that player having been an almost ever-present for the previous two years at Juve.

In his first up game for the Blues Campbell was

outstanding and his teaming with Tyrone James will give Footscray some much-needed backbone for the long campaign ahead.

Deankovic

Former Melbourne Croatia skipper Drago Deankovic is set to return to Melbourne football but not with the club he served so well for nearly five years.

Deankovic has been wooed back from Yugoslavia by Croatia's long time rivals Footscray JUST and the Croatian outfit isn't pleased.

As Melbourne Croatia crashed down the league last year Deankovic walked out on the club midway through his contract and since has apparently been training and playing with Yugoslav club Osijek.

Melbourne Croatia, backed by the VSF, believe Deankovic hasn't obtained a clearance to play anywhere but with Croatia and if he returns to Melbourne he will still be the property of that club.

"But we will entertain offers for him from other clubs if he does return," said a Melbourne Croatia spokesman.

Meanwhile Footscray JUST is going ahead with making travel arrangements for the player and believe they will only have to negotiate a clearance from Osijek.

HOW GREEN IS MY GULLY

WITH the season only five rounds old, The Victorian State League ladder is taking shape with Green Gully setting the pace.

This week Gully takes on the impressive Fawkner team where we will witness an awesome battle between Fawkner's strong defence led by Cesare Fatore and the star studded forward line of Green Gully including the Sweeney-Zemunick combination.

Green Gully, though, should take both points as their defence is equal to Fawkner's and Fawkner's attack doesn't seem to measure up.

Maribyrnong is the surprise packet this season and should go on to beat Springvale, who were expected to be doing a lot better than they have produced so far.

The AIS, undefeated up to now, meet the tough Croydon outfit and look like losing their first match of the season as it is always difficult to beat

Croydon on their turf. Northcote City meets Box Hill, in what looks like a desperate match for both teams. Neither side has impressed to date and neither can afford to let the rest of the competition get too far ahead. Northcote plays well at home and this advantage may give the side both points.

Oakleigh meets fellow Greek backed side Western Suburbs at home and look more settled at this stage, to justify both points.

St Albans' strong start to 1987 should continue when it takes on Frankston Pines and Broadmeadows who play host to Caulfield will do well if they can save a point.

Thomastown seems to be doing something right as the side keeps picking up points and staying amongst the leaders. Even though the side hasn't put away many goals I feel the Italian backed team from Melbourne will be lucky enough to beat the Italian backed side from Morwell.

— PHIL DIAMATARIS

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Sherman's pass. Michael Dawes took the game to a replay, however, when he later

ed on to Brian MacKay's poor clearing header to drive firmly past Steve Holzinger in the 61st minute.



JUVE captain Nick di Martino receives his winner's medal from TSA chairman Roy Stoneman (left) and Cascade's marketing manager, Mr Ron Truscott — Photo Walter Pless.

TASMANIA JUVENTUS-PIONEER WINS CASCADE CUP

JUVENTUS-Pioneer beat Olympia-WPL 1-0 to retain its Tasmanian Cascade Summer Cup title at Glenorchy's KGV stadium in midweek.

It was a bitter blow for Olympia, which has been training four nights a week and which even spent eight days at a training camp in Sydney, during which it played four games against top-class opposition.

Juventus had Damon Youl back in goal after its new goalkeeper from Aberdeen in Scotland, Neil Connell, had been injured in the semi-final against White Eagles.

Youl certainly justified coach Peter Irving's faith in him. He saved hot shots from Xanthopoulos and Goldsmith and didn't put a foot wrong.

Olympia dominated the last 15 minutes of the

first half but then fell for the sucker punch. Juventus launched a quick counter-attack and scored the decisive goal on the stroke of half-time.

Steve Kannegiesser crossed from the left, John Broadhouse mis-kicked, but the ball ran loose to Frank Genovesi, the competition's leading scorer, and he fired past the vainly diving Martin Burden.

Broadhouse had a wretched game. In the 62nd minute, Genovesi set him up with a golden chance from the right but the striker missed the ball completely with the goal at his mercy.

Juventus was lucky not to concede a penalty eight minutes from time. A defender appeared to handle the ball but the referee waved play on and Xanthopoulos's deflected shot struck the Juventus crossbar.

"I feel great and it's a good start to the season," said Juventus coach Peter Irving, who joined the club from NSL side Newcastle in January.

"I thought we competed very well in the middle of the park and our defence was tremendous."

"The fellows at the front did well, too, and we had three or four chances there in the second half."

"Damon Youl had a tremendous game in goal and you couldn't fault the lad on tonight's performance."

Taroona and Metro-Clemmont will replay their Rothmans League section final after drawing 1-1.

David Smith, an ex-Metro coach, and the man who coached Juventus to last season's Cadbury League section title in this competition, gave Taroona the lead in the 26th minute from Peter



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CAULFIELD GALLOPING TOWARDS MARIBYRNONG

Weekend NSL



Olympic's Gary Phillips on Sunday.

DARKHORSE before the start of the season, Caulfield is making a strong bid for top position in the Victorian State League.

With only one unlucky loss to Thomastown in the first round Caulfield has won its past four matches. Croydon City, last years champion, has been added to that list of victims after the weekend's game.

BY PHIL DIAMATARIS

Fast, skilful and well balanced and with wild man Brooks to come back from injury, City present an awesome combination for any opponent.

Croydon on the other hand had chances to win. French came close on one occasion but

Anje Kutos forced him to rush opportunities.

Caulfield's winner came in the second half when new signing Phil Griffin who was combining well with Peter Abraham and Lupe Disopus received a pass from a free-kick and with the aid of a deflection gave Croydon's keeper Waterman no chance.

In another opportunity Caulfield delighted the big crowd when Griffin headed down a John Bitsonis cross. Ludiv Theodoropoulos laid the ball back for Abraham, whose shot was touched away for a corner.

Croydon definitely has the job ahead of them if they are to be the team of old. Maybe that is the problem... age may have something to do with results achieved so far this year.

CAULFIELD: Madjer, Filippou, Koutou, Harris, Michel (Abraham).

Bitsonis, Hamakittous, Theodoropoulos, Theodoropoulos, Griffin, Sahinidis (Tallied).

CROYDON: Waterman, Brown, Marshall, O'Reilly (Brack), Tansey (O'Shea), McDonald, Hache, Bragan, Livingstone, Nelson, French. Referee: J. Stokovic.

In other games 1986 Rothmans Medal winner ALLY DICK returned from NSL club Preston revved up for the disciplined Frankston Pines side who won 4-3 against Broadmeadows.

Dick playing at his best, pushing home his point to the Preston committee who changed their minds on signing him last week by scoring a first up hat-trick.

St Albans and Fawkner played a very high standard game in what proved these two teams will be there when it counts when the season is sorting out its champion.

Morovic, the St Albans striker, is proving a handful for opposition defenders and Fawkner was unable to stop him from scoring twice in his team's 2-1 victory.

Springvale showed that Bobby McGuinness's patience is paying off when his team defeated Box Hill 3-2 in a very entertaining game.

Undermanned Box Hill is looking very unstable as is Northcote, who were thrashed 5-1 by Western Suburbs, not one of the league's strongest teams.

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Victorian State League

ROUND SIX SATURDAY APRIL 11th

St Albans v Frankston Pines, Oakleigh v Western Suburbs, Northcote City v Box Hill.

SUNDAY APRIL 12th

Springvale City v Maribyrnong, Green Gully v Fawkner, Croydon City v AIS, Broadmeadows v Caulfield City, Thomastown v Morwell Falcons.

FIRST DIVISION

ROUND THREE SATURDAY APRIL 11

Knox City v North Dandenong, Altona Gate v Bulleen, Melbourne v Sunbury United, Doncaster Rovers v SM Mordialloc, Essendon City v Albion Rovers, Unswading City v Werribee.

SUNDAY APRIL 12

Ringwood City v Richmond.

SECOND DIVISION

ROUND THREE SATURDAY APRIL 11

Waverley City v Dandenong City, Hamlyn Rangers v Altona City, Westgate v Ringwood United, Clifton Hill v Prahran City, Eltham v North Geelong, Mooroolbark v Mornington, Doveton v Sandringham.

THIRD DIVISION

Moreland Park Rangers v Fernside Gully, Moorabbin City v West Brunswick, Port Melbourne v Yarraville, Clarinda v Springvale United, Geelong v Rosanna, Corio-Geelong United v Yallourn.

FOURTH DIVISION

Boronia v Karingal United, Coburg v East Brunswick, Hawthorn v Padstow Vale, Diamond Valley Utd v Williamstown, Holland Park v Prahran, Keysborough v Lairo United, Langwarrin v Seaford.

THE GREAT PROMOTION DEBATE

WITH the Victorian, Queensland, South Australian and New South Wales State League Championship underway, one probing question remains to be answered.

What format will be used to decide which champion team from which state will be selected to fill the West End Soccer League vacancies?

NSW for some unknown reason, has been given a "wild card" entry into the NSL for the champion side of the competition. The other three states have to fight it out for the other spot.

The South Australian Soccer Federation suggest there should be a home and away series between the three contenders with costs covered by individual clubs.

The Queensland Soccer Federation has suggested a round robin tournament in a selected

BY PHIL DIAMATARIS

state with the NSL covering costs but taking the gate revenue.

Victoria, though is still undecided but president Jack Reilly has asked a somewhat non committal NSL to assist.

As Reilly put it: "The NSL has the power to accept or refuse entry, so now they must be involved in this decision."

In recent years Victorian clubs Croydon and Morwell, who had won the State League Championship, have knocked back an offer to join the NSL because of such matters as high costs.

What would happen to "our system", yet to be decided upon, if this was to occur again? Obviously this needs great consideration as well.

ST ALBANS CHASING MARSHALL BUT JANUSZ BARAN IS WELL SETTLED

POLONIA Maribyrnong a strong contender for this year's state league championship has added Polish import Janusz Baran to its squad.

BY PHIL DIAMATARIS

Rale Rasic, the APIA-Leichhardt coach signed Baran last season for his club's onslaught in the NSL but a late season injury, which he is over now, hindered his chances of a regular spot in the first team.

He has looked for Greener pastures and Polonia was an obvious choice for him. He is a striker and will lighten the burden carried by Gerry Warszawski, who

is in fine form.

St Albans is also trying to strengthen its squad and is looking at signing Alex Marshall from Polonia. Marshall is on the outer at Polonia and will have difficulty in establishing his regular position, especially now with the Polish backed side doing so well.

While Caulfield looks set to sign striker Robert Murray and Springvale ready to buy John Cul-

len, Northcote is looking for overseas talent to lift the team.

Again South America is the shopping ground, this time Uruguay.

Vessa a 21 year old B international is being chased and looks set to come over to Australia.



JANUSZ BARAN Polonia star.

The reasons being that the economic climate in his homeland is terrible. He is a striker and may be the answer that Northcote has been looking for as the forward line has performed well below standard in recent times.

Joe Angele, the Heidelberg defender who is on the transfer list, looks like moving to Fawkner for \$7000-\$10,000 less than Heidelberg is asking.

Frankston goalkeeper Rick Johnsen has gone back to Ringwood Wilhelmina making him the second goalkeeper, with Dennis Boland, leaving the already player-depleted club.

ADELAIDE HELLAS may not have been successful in taking over the ailing Sydney City but they are in with a chance of playing at the end of the season to regain a place in the West National League.

On Sunday in the South Australian Rothmans State League they beat Parra Hills 3-2, and but for their former Soccerroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook, now back with Parra, it could have been 6-2.

As it is Hellas, are on maximum points after the opening three games of the State League are trailing Salisbury on goal difference with the district team showing seven goals from three wins and no draws or defeats and conceding nil.

Hellas have seven goals on the board with two against.

Polonia the early front-runners suffered a shock 2-1 defeat from Lion at the latter's ground, while Beograd after taking the lead against Croatia had to be content with a 1-1 draw away from home.

Last years champions Campbelltown got their first win, four minutes from time to beat Apac 1-0 and move into sixth place after a draw and a loss.

Azzurri was another club to break its duck with a 3-1 win at Birkalla.

Poor Birks, the only club without a point now looks relegation material.

After three rounds Salisbury top the table on six points followed by Hellas also on six then Polonia on four the same as Beograd while Lion are next on three as are Campbelltown.

Then there's a string of clubs on two, Apac, Cumberland, Parra, Croatia and Azzurri.

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WALLACE WARMS TO THE TASK

BY FRANK COLETTA

SUNDAY March 28 was a warm day indeed and for IAN WALLACE, making his debut for Melbourne Croatia against their Sydney counterparts, things were certainly hot for him out on the park.

Following his introduction into Australia's National Soccer League and after just three days in the country and one training session, Wallace was slumped in the Croatian Sports Centre dressing-room nursing a knock on his left ankle, courtesy of his a man-marker of the past 90 minutes — Ray Vlietstra.

The ex-Wollongong central defender

delivered his coach Vedran Rozic's instructions to the letter and gave the former Scottish international little if any breathing room.

Despite making things difficult for Wallace, Vlietstra was unable to stop the flame-haired striker showing some of his obvious wares and many of his touches were quite exceptional.

His shots at goal were few and far between, something that doesn't surprise when his team was flogged 6-1, but he did manage to bring the best out of young Anthony Franken with an instinctive strike five metres from goal in the second half.

Said Wallace: "It was pretty warm out there but it didn't worry me that much. I thought I stood up quite well considering this was my first match in four months."

His words of praise for the powerful Vlietstra were short and to the point. "He was good. But just the same we as a team didn't play well in our first outing and were beaten by a simply better team on the day."

He did not dwell on the poor start by his side: "We shall get better, we can't play any worse."

And so to their match against Brunswick Juventus played on Sunday...

ADELAIDE CITY centre back Neville Flounders retained his humor following a nasty cycling accident which left him with shocking abrasions, concussion and an injured shoulder.

Asked on a radio interview if he would be playing in the opening round he said: "No".

Why? "For four reasons. My wife, my doctor, the coach and my body".

WOLLONGONG CITY has another five matches to be played on Saturday night at the Wollongong Showground, with main game 7.30pm kick-offs and early games at 5.45pm. They are April 18 v Canberra, May 2 v Newcastle, June 13 v Uruguay, August 18 v Malta and August 29 v Inter Monaro.

WHILE SA and Vic fans are delighted with the radio commercial jingle drawing attention to the West End National League, they have one complaint.

Why are Sydney players the only ones named?

Well, you can't please everyone.



Neville Flounders

WOLLONGONG City have signed Zivko Hristovski from APIA, winning a battle with neighbours Wollongong Macedonia for his signature.

It is a return home for Hristovski who left the Wolves with Alex Bundalo for APIA at the end of the 1985 season.

Ironically he made his return to his old club against Macedonia in a 1-1 draw but it wasn't a memorable game for him.

The strong midfielder took a hand in his team's goal but seemed out of touch and was replaced near the end.

Coach John Fleming said he is sure Hristovski will be a big asset to the team as the season goes on.

"You can't expect a player to fit straight in to a team at his first outing. Hristovski didn't even have the benefit of a trial match with us," Fleming said.

With an in-form Hristovski and the talents of Scott Dickson available now Fleming has a bit of depth to work with.

Dickson, who missed last season with a knee injury, has been coming along slowly in the reserve team and reports no ill-effects from the injury.

GRANGE Thistle goalkeeper Ross Smith had an unenviable weekend recently, having to play in all four XXXX League games for his club. Sicknesses and an unexpected absence left the Queensland club with Smith as their only 'keeper. He played in the Thistle XXXX League and XXXX Reserves matches on Saturday night then fronted again the following morning to play in the Thistle XXX Colts and XXXX Thirds teams.



JIM PATIKAS

THE clashes between Newcastle and Wollongong City in the NSW State Bank League will see the goals tallied and the winner taking the Steel Cities Cup, which was donated by BHP Steel for annual competitions. Two grades are involved in the results.

FRANK VALENTIC is already at the stage of moving into the Melbourne Croatia midfield. A 17 year schoolboy who is facing his HSC year, he represented Victoria from under 13 to 16 junior grades.

ROBBIE SLATER is finding that the standard of service being provided from the back and the co-operation from fellow Sydney Croatia forwards Maris Lamond and Graham Arnold is working wonders. "The set-up here is so good that it is no wonder that players like Jimmy Patikas and Graham Arnold have reached the heights," he said.

'DOUG' UTJESENOVIC V. GREG BYLES

IN 1971 St George was the NSW grand final winner — and what a team they possessed. Pushing hard was Western Suburbs... quite a bright star in the Soccer firmament, but it seemed to go beyond its resources and crowd drawing potential and the Western Suburbs Soccer Club vanished from the senior scene. Perhaps there are those presently connected with the club who would again move to bring it back out of obscurity.

But in our picture are two highly skilled practitioners of their day. At left St George's brilliant defender Utjesenovic swoops in to challenge Byles. Utjesenovic, Yugoslav-born, played 34 full internationals for Australia and another 25 times in other international games.

Byles, originally a Bankstown youngster, was also clever on the ball and not far outside Australian selection. Thoroughly enjoying his game, he continued on playing and coaching and many up and coming players learnt a lot from him. He is a solicitor by profession in Sydney.



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MELBOURNE Croatia can thank long-term official Frank Burin for the work he has done for the club over the past 25 years. Frank has moved out of the secretarial position but is acting as club delegate to the NSL.

MILAN LUKIC found that Sydney Olympic can provide a bumpy ride. He began the season and had an excellent record through the pre-season grind, but was unseated after only one game and one loss. But, if Lukic wasn't the man they wanted, why did they secure him.

Only Manfred Schaefer has ever lasted the distance with the club. Frankly, the whole affair begs the question of the degree of stability in the club's management.

WEST END AND SBS AT THE READY



A HAPPY get-together early in the season — Pictured are Sydney Croatia's M. Bogdanovic, Zeljko Jurin, South Australian Brewing Company general manager (marketing) John Braniff, Zarko Odzakovic, Les Murray (SBS), Frank Farina (Maroon), Gary Thornthwaite (SBS), Johnny Warren and Andrew Paschall (SBS).



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MILAN LUKIC is caught in a pensive mood during his first and last NSL match as Sydney Olympic coach during the meaningless 2-0 loss to the now defunct Sydney City.

EARLY success did not go to the head of Sydney Croatia coach Vedran Rozic. The wily Vedran was quick to point to the number of rounds still to go in the West End Soccer League.

FORMER NSW Central Coast youngster DEREK CAISLEY has been on target for Newcastle in the NSW State Bank Soccer League. Joining him on the scorers' list has been Craig Penfold. Peter Dewhurst has an exceptionally young team, but he is pleased that the rebuilding is bearing some fruit.

READY for a coaching challenge is an enthusiastic WILLIE WALLACE, who is just back from a trip to Scotland in which he updated on latest trends in the game. He can be contacted on (02) 626 9731.

ANOTHER former Scottish international, IAN WALLACE, found things a little on the hot side when he played his first game in Australia. "I've only found it worse in Japan and Malaysia," he said. There is little, if any doubt, that a good service of the ball will see him putting in some tremendous games for the club.

ANDY Toland, a former SA State League player who went to Perth, is back in Adelaide and could end up with Adelaide City.

He asked to train with the NSL club and coach Zoran Matic agreed — but he is not going to pay the \$4000 being asked for the midfielder.

"If we think Toland is good enough we will negotiate," he said.

Another player training with City is Dean Milosovic from Brisbane City.

A midfielder or striker, he was the SA club's guest at the opening round match against Heidelberg.

ALTHOUGH sent-off in the abandoned match between Queensland and Fiji at Perry Park recently, Maroons midfielder Martin Kirsopp was not a complete loser. The 1-1 scoreline at the abandonment was deemed the final score and Kirsopp collected the \$30 prize on his winning match double.

BRISBANE XXXX League club Olympic United look set to sign Fijian stars Ivor Evans and Cheetha Vosuga. Evans was the star of the Fiji team in the 1985 world youth qualifying series in Sydney and was chased by APIA. Cheetha was the star of the recent Fiji tour of Queensland.

BRISBANE Lions took just 58 seconds to register their first XXXX League goal this season — but then found winning the league will be a much harder fight than they thought.

Although they won their opening fixture 3-1 against Mount Gravatt, the scoreline was not a true reflection of the game and the Hawks deserved at the very least, a point.

Mount Gravatt recovered from the early setback to be on level terms at the break and early in the second half had every opportunity to go ahead. Only good keeping from Lions Rob Farrow, and some wayward shooting prevented the Hawks from gaining an unexpected lead.

Indeed, Mount Gravatt were all over a lethargic looking Lions team whose players may have been jaded from the preceding Queensland games.

Goals from Brett Druery and a late effort from Michael Mallett sealed the issue for Lions, but Mount Gravatt coach Eric Thompson was not disappointed.

"We can be proud as we played to a plan and it very nearly came off. I think we proved today that Lions are far from unbeatable and we are certainly looking forward to the second round when we will get a crack at them at Dittmer Park," Thompson said.



ROB FARROW... Lions' keeper.

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TROUBLED AROK IN CHASE FOR CITY STARS

FRANK AROK, St George Budapest's manager, has a bag of headaches to cure before next Friday night when his team face the visiting Melbourne Croatia at the St George Stadium.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

The kick-off time has been brought forward to 7.15pm at the request by Melbourne Croatia, to allow them time to catch a return flight to Melbourne the same evening.

With a list of injuries to key players for Friday

night's match, Arok is desperately out to sign at least two or three stars from the now defunct Sydney City side.

Heading the list of Arok's dragnet, is international centre back, Steve O'Connor, whose massive frame is only

matched by his experience and courage.

As well as O'Connor, Arok is keen to snare defender-cum-midfielder, Jean-Paul de Marigny plus striker, Abbas Saad.

After two rounds in the West End National Soccer League, the Saints are languishing at the bottom of the League ladder following successive losses to Apia and Marconi.

St George has strikers Andy Koczka and Peter Petkovski in serious doubt for Friday night.

Both had to be substituted last Sunday in the second half against Marconi.

And if this wasn't enough for Arok to worry about, his opponent Melbourne Croatia have made a dramatic recovery of form.

Last Sunday, the Melbourne side who had suffered a 6-1 walloping from their Sydney sister club, Sydney Croatia, bounced back with a solid 2-0 victory against Brunswick Juventus.

Armed with British professional First Division striker, Ian Wallace, plus Paul Lewis, Alan Davidson and the tough as teak centre-backs David McIntosh and Robbie Dunne, Melbourne's coach, Terry

Hennessey looks to be in the box seat.

Wallace, the former Coventry City star, looked especially sharp last Sunday against Brunswick at Olympic Park.

He scored his debut goal in the NSL and had a spectacular diving header disallowed for off-side by South Australian referee Jim Rossis.

No doubt, if Arok doesn't sign O'Connor by this afternoon, centre-back Michael O'Shea will have the unenviable task of shacking Wallace come Friday night.

EVERTON, THEN TO KOREA

JEAN-PAUL de Marigny, Tony Dakos and Robbie Wheatley are amongst the 16 man Sydney based squad being trialled by Frank Arok.

The national coach is staging two camps in Sydney and two in Melbourne this month to check over his regular and fringe players.

Included on the Sydney list are Anthony Franken, Wally Savor, Graham Jennings, Graham Arnold, Zarko Odzakovic, Frank Farina, Steve Maxwell, Robbie Wheatley, David Lowe, Tom McCulloch, Jean-Paul de Marigny, Tony Dakos, Peter Raskopoulos, Chris Kalantzis, Charlie Yankos and Mike Gibson.

Arok has to sift out a squad for the Everton game in Melbourne on Monday June 1, followed by the South Korean trip to contest the President's Cup from June 7/21.

Australian Soccer Federation executive di-

rector Brian Emery said that the Seoul draw is expected within 10 days.

"With 12 teams entered it seems that each contestant will have five games but we will have to wait and see," he added.

Those listed as competing are Morocco, United States, Chile Olympic team, Netherlands, Egypt, Kuwait, Thailand, Deportivo, Espanol, Argentina, Eastern Europe (2), South Korea (2), as well as Australia.

With a little bit of luck Arok will strike some opposition that he will relish in the run towards the 1988 Olympic Games.

Mr Emery added that South Korea is paying air fares and accommodation for a party of 22, which includes a referee.

The tournament winner collects a cool \$US50,000, with \$US25,000 for the runner up.



Chased — Jean Paul De Marigny (left) and Abbas Saad.



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Match of the Day

On Sundays at 4.30pm, the programme "Match Of The Day" is screened, as the selected best match of the West End Soccer League goes to air.

This 31 week NSL competition is SBS's major commitment to Soccer for 1987.

The Channel's main presenter, Les Murray, said last night: "In its six year history of covering Soccer, this is shaping up

as the best season ever for SBS-TV.

"We are putting the full match to air minutes after it has been played".

The commentary is being done by the Network's chief caller, Mike Hill, with former Australian World Cup skipper, Johnny Warren supplying a side critical analysis.

This programme will be screened for the entire League season culminating into the National Grand finals played over two legs on November 1 and 8.

On the Ball

Every Saturday at noon, "On The Ball" will be screened, a programme which previews the week-end's fixtures coming up.

Panel discussions, studio guests, updates, player profiles and various stories are broken by Sydney's Andrew Paschalidis and Melbourne's Kyle Patterson.

Sport Report-Soccer

This programme is screened every Monday night at 8.30pm. It is a review of the week-end's clashes and is presented by Les Murray.

The zippy 30 minute programme highlights segments from West End League matches plus news items from overseas.

World Soccer

Saturday afternoon at 5.30pm, this very popular programme goes to air as the Channel screens various international matches.

This Saturday, the European quarter-finals between the French side Bordeaux against the Soviet team, Torpedo will be shown.

Then the following Saturday, April 18, SBS will present Barcelona vs Dundee United.

In June, SBS will cover the Socceroos when they travel to Korea for a pre-Olympic Games tournament.

In October, the Young Socceroos' crusade in the World Youth Championships will be covered in Chile.

Beach Fashions Cup

From Sunday April 19 at 11.30am, the NSL's "Beach Fashions Cup" will be brought to the viewer in which 16 teams compete over eight weeks for a large cash prize plus the Cup which is sponsored by swim-fashion manufacturer, Beach Fashions.

All in all, nobody but nobody, can say that SBS-TV doesn't look after the lovers of Soccer. Thanks again SBS.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

WEST END LOVELIES



SBS-TV top Soccer presenter Les Murray smiles as he samples the West End brew. No wonder — his guests on the day are beauties Karen Orford, Tracey Blair (who has gone down on her knees!) and Therese O'Kane.



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HOW cruel life can be!

Such must have been the feelings of the St George BSC management as they saw their team go under 3-1 to APIA in the first game of the new National League.



BY MIKE JOHNSON

Ex First Division English footballer. Well known coach and author of Soccer Skills.

Mike was lucky to get away with a ball that went through his legs. Then a venture to the edge of his box brought a collision and a goal to APIA, which surprisingly was disallowed.

However, another chase, this time to the flank and outside the box left Mike floundering way out of goal and the cross was headed home by Rod Brown into an empty net.

St George looked fit and full of enthusiasm, which was to be expected, but top National League talent was less in evidence.

I have a lot of regard for the ability of Frank Arok and he assures me that this is a good team. Time will tell.

Handy Scott

Scott Ollerenshaw looked useful.

However, like many another young lad, he is only half a player at this time.



ROD BROWN... fast, strong for APIA.

St George was well and truly submerged amid a flood of rain which also sank the grand ceremonies and entertainment planned for that night.

APIA's proven campaigners were too powerful for the young talent of St George.

It is true that Saints had chances and the game could have been different but APIA always seemed to have the edge.

Frank Arok might say that the difference was made by his own goalkeeper, Mike Gibson who had a bad night.

Gibson is a young goalkeeper and young goalies are prone to errors of judgement, especially in a difficult conditions.



MIKE GIBSON

He has excellent close dribbling skills, sharper and better even than Robbie Slater, but he needs to use those skills



VINCE ESTAVILLO... where are thou?

to bring more strikes at goal for himself.

At present he seems to be very much a provider for others.

As Slater needed to be more direct and more goal-conscious — the latter being an area in which he seems to be improving

— so does Scott. He is an excellent prospect.



GRAEME FLETCHER

Graeme Fletcher is very fast and can score. He needs to compete more and to bring extra skills and consequently variation to his game.

Certainly this St George team seems to have a goalscoring problem.

There do not appear to be too many scorers in the team at this time.

APIA are a strong, direct team, but were not terribly convincing on the night.

Brown looked fast and strong and his two headed goals were well put away.

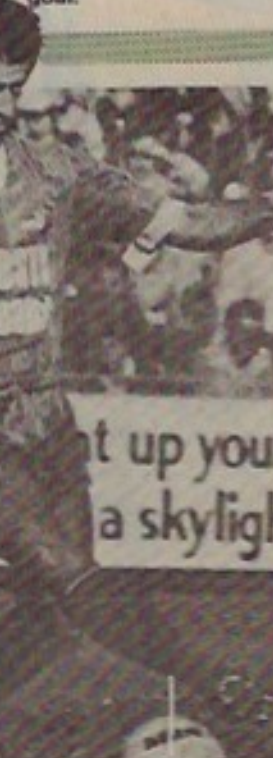
It is a virile, fast running team, sound in the centre of defence, but somewhat short on style and flair.

However, Eddie Thompson at Sydney City has shown that you do not need to have flair to win championships.

Still, it is nice to see a team playing with skill while winning games.

The Len Factor

I noticed on the same weekend as the APIA-St George game, Brunswick Juventus edged Marconi by one goal.



Brunswick under Len McKendry is a team that stops others playing while playing functional Soccer itself.

That has been Len's trademark of recent years as he has won trophies for the clubs he has coached.

He, like compatriot

Englishman Sir Alf Ramsey, who won England's only World Cup in 1966, believes the entertainment comes in the winning.

Marconi on the other hand must watch out that they do not provide all the flair and end up with nothing.

In Soccer as in life, balance is very necessary.

I hope our Soccer does not go the way of Sydney rugby league which is now so power oriented, with touches of real skill hard to find.

Is our Soccer so rich it can afford to throw out Estavillo?

I do not know of the pros and cons of the matter.

Certainly Estavillo is not the hardest worker in Sydney.

Could that be compensated by other team mates to allow him to exploit his great talent for the benefit of the team?

Blazing

Of course it is easy to say these things from outside the red hot inferno that the Olympic coaching seat represents, with Milan Lukic already out after one League game.

Nevertheless our Soccer cries out for skills that excite and exhilarate.



EDDIE THOMSON... a winner again.

Skills that Des Marton paraded in blazing colour for a few short seasons at the end of his career.

Des was brilliant, and his brilliance produced results.

Soccer brilliance must produce results, otherwise it is not brilliance. It is just fancy dazle.

There are many players of flair and talent growing up in this country now.

There are many in the youth teams at St George where I now coach.

There is such a one in my own under 14 team. His name is Emmanuel Pavlidis.

He is 13 now. He will play for St George at 16 and for Australia before he is 21.

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Campbelltown v Fairy Meadow	0-4	4-1	4-0
Queens Park v SSC Yugal	2-0	2-0	2-1
Sydney Maccabi v Dee Why Swans	2-2	1-0	0-2
Avalah Polaris	1-1	0-2	2-1
Gladesville Hvy v Nth Sydney Artamon	2-1	4-2	0-1

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Moorebank v West United	0-1	2-3	4-1
Mt Druitt v Bankstown Hills	0-0	2-6	0-1
Bondi Marine v Uni of NSW	2-1	2-1	3-1
Nth Ryde RSL v Port Hacking	1-5	7-0	0-2
Canterbury Dist v Campbelltown	1-7	0-2	0-1
Granville v King Tomislav	2-0	1-2	2-2
Concordia v Rooty Hill	0-3	0-9	2-3

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Hawkesbury Dist v Padelow Park	0-1	2-0
Cherrybrook v Fairfield Kew	2-1	4-2
West St George v Dulwich Hill	0-4	1-4
Nineveh Eagles v Pagewood Botany	2-3	2-2
Spanish Club v Rosebery Portuguese	1-5	1-4
Sydney Uni v Eastwood SA	1-1	0-2

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Chile Sports v Liverpool City	1-1	2-1
Welcome Sports v Macquarie Uni	0-1	3-2
Rangers Hagduk v Concord Juniors	2-1	2-5
Schofields v Wenty Waratah	0-1	2-1
Traralgon v Maroubra	2-0	1-3
Haberfield v Penrith Green Island	1-2	1-5

INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Castle Hill v Cyprus United	2-2	0-2
Colo Colo v Lithgow Workers	2-0	1-3
Macedonia Yag v Abruzzi	3-2	1-0
SSC Zagreb v Crescent Star	1-4	1-0
Blacktown Ward v Murray Farm	3-0	2-1
Argentinian Ltd v Lampara United	2-2	1-1
Cyprus United v Colo Colo	1-1	2-1

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Orange Waratah v Greystanes	4-1	2-0
Calabria v Cobriola	1-1	2-2
Lebanon v Chulora	Def	
Hellas v Alexander	2-3	1-6
Prospect United v Luddenham Croatia	0-1	1-0
Assyrian v Amalfi RSL	0-1	0-2
Greystanes v Calabria	Def	

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 1

	PWDLFAP
Syd Marzab	4 3 1 0 8 3 7
Polaris	4 2 2 0 13 3 6
Fairy Meadow H	4 2 1 1 8 4 5
N Bankstown	4 2 1 1 5 4 5

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 2

	PWDLFAP
Campbelltown	4 4 0 0 11 3 8
Queens Park	4 3 1 0 8 1 7
Kingsford H	4 2 2 0 11 5 6
Polaris	4 2 1 1 9 5 5
Gladesville H	4 2 1 1 10 8 5
Blacktown U	4 2 1 1 9 8 5
Avalah	3 1 1 1 4 5 5
N Bankstown	4 2 0 2 8 5 4
Bathurst	4 1 2 1 2 6 4
Syd Maccabi	4 1 0 3 7 2
Yugal	3 0 1 2 1 4 1
Fairy Meadow	4 0 1 3 11 16 1
N Syd Art	4 0 1 3 9 15 1
Dee Why	4 0 0 4 3 9 0

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 3

	PWDLFAP
Queens Park	4 4 0 0 16 1 8
Kingsford H	4 4 0 0 16 1 8
N Bankstown	4 3 1 0 21 1 7
Campbelltown C	4 3 0 1 12 2 6
Avalah	3 2 1 0 10 2 5
Polaris	4 1 1 2 10 7 3
Blacktown U	4 1 1 2 3 7 3
Bathurst	4 1 0 3 7 7 2
Gladesville H	3 1 0 2 3 6 2
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Syd Maccabi	4 0 1 3 0 14 1

PREMIER DIVISION

	PWDLFAP
Parramatta C	1 1 — 5 0 2
Putney T	1 1 — 4 1 2
Blacktown	1 1 — 1 0 2
Pagewood	1 — — 1 0 1 0
Epping East	1 — — 1 1 4 0
Manly Warr	1 — — 1 0 5 0

RESERVE GRADE

	PWDLFAP
Parramatta C	1 1 — 4 1 2
Putney T	1 1 — 3 1 2
Pagewood	1 1 — 2 1 2
Epping East	1 — — 1 1 2 0
Blacktown	1 — — 1 1 2 0
Manly Warr	1 — — 1 1 4 0

STONY AMATEURS: First

Div: First Grade: Enfield 4 drew with UTA 4. Chipping Norton 4 b Racing 1. Broughton 1 drew with Guinness. Guildford 2 drew with Concord 2. Reserve Grade: Enfield 2 b UTA 0. Racing 3 b Chipping Norton 0. Broughton 3 b Guinness 2. Guildford 4 b Concord 1. Second Div: First Grade: Dubbo 2 b 3 Sparrows 1. Alderode 0 drew with Leichardt 0. Reserve Grade: Dubbo 2 b 3 Sparrows 2. Alderode 0 drew with Leichardt 0.

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Thornthwaite (BC)	2
Kay (BC)	2
Felizzi (I. Mon)	2
Williamson (K'gai)	2
Farrugia (Mel)	2
G. Brown (Mel)	2
Penfold (New)	2
Rodes (Rock)	2
McKie (Uru)	2
Giannone (Warr)	2
DEean (Warr)	2

NSW WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

Premier Division	1.
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Parramatta City 4 Manly Warringah 1, Putney Town 3 Epping-Eastwood 1, Pagewood 2 Blacktown Assn 1.	

BACK CHAT

with
Frank Coletta



SUDDENLY we hear that Rugby League is calling for a system to prevent their current spate of dismissals from the field.

Well some of the League people, including Australian coach Don Furner, suggests that a card system — as used in our own game — should be introduced.

I don't think the League quite understands the principle of the card system used in Soccer. In their game they have what's known as the sin-bin and this is supposed to be used in the same way as a yellow card booking is in Soccer. Introducing cards is not going to help them but it's flattering that they want to use one of our ideas.

Thanks for the compliment.

YOU may have interpreted the previous item as somewhat of a brickbat against Soccer's main rivals. ... well if so, here is a bouquet of sorts.

League has done well to promote the talents of Wayne Pearce, a player of the highest calibre in their game through his position as development officer. It is high time that Soccer heeded the advice of none other than Eddie Thomson and do the same with our most marketable product — Frank Farina.

Says Thomson: "Frankie has charm, good looks and is well spoken — the ideal image needed to relate to youngsters."

"I could think of no better person to project than Frank Farina, unquestionably the most exciting striker in Australian Soccer."

"He can serve Marconi well — both on and off the field. With its vast junior set-up Marconi would be crazy not to promote him through schools in the area."

And so say all of us.

The 1987 season started in a blaze of glory for Australian Soccer — there were new backers, 14 teams and confidence for a successful season.

But with the axing of Sydney City a blow has surely been struck at the credibility of the national competition.

The shakiest team in the NSL history — dumped by their supporters and senior players — were finally handed their coup de grace by the Hakoah Club and the National League. But why take the easy way out by bringing in a bye?

Where's the initiative that made us look forward to a truly bigger and better year?

Why not bring in the Brisbane Lions and make the competition all the more national?

The sceptics would say "where would the empty weekend or two go?" The Lions could have picked them up midweek — no enormous problems.

Surely you just don't axe a team one game into the season and then do nothing but replace them with a bye.

If that could not be done then why wasn't Harry Michaels' \$450,000 offer considered?

Did it represent actual money on the table?

Another club swears that they were offered all the players — with three exceptions for \$70,000...

If this item makes it sound like I'm disappointed well then it's coming across the right way.

The disappointment is extended to the Hakoah club, also, in their conduct of the matter — if they were going to stop the support to City then why not do it before the season proper kicked off?

EDITOR Keith Gilmour has an interesting snippet recalled from Hakoah's (Sydney City's) younger days in the early fifties.

He was anxious to bring the club of which he was secretary to the then newly-formed State League B Division, so a further club was needed to increase the division from 10 to 12.

Hakoah was the obvious choice to balance from 10 clubs to 12.

A call at Hakoah secretary Charlie May's home brought immediate agreement. Alan Levinson was the star inside forward of the day. Now, sadly, the full race has been run.

FULL MARKS to ABC TV.

Starting this week the popular 'Road to Wembley' series hits our screens on good old 'Aunty' once more.

The series of matches will be a good prelude to the big one on May 16, the FA Cup Final, that's why it was held back so long — fair enough.

TIME AGAIN for the NSL picks of the week. ...

On Friday night at the St George Stadium the SAINTS tackle the revitalised MELBOURNE CROATIA, who won't have things all their own way against a team that is decidedly shaky but won't give an inch. I'm tipping the first points for Frank Arok's boys — a draw.

FOOTSCRAY meet SOUTH MELBOURNE at the Schintler Reserve and the locals should just grab the points.

At the Edensor Park the rampant SYDNEY CROATIA with ten goals already in their bag should grab a few more in beating SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.

The tussle between BRUNSWICK JUVENUS and SYDNEY OLYMPIC in Melbourne will be keenly watched and the black and whites should just be too strong at home for the Sydney boys.

MARCONI travel to Hindmarsh Stadium to meet reigning champions ADH-LAIDE CITY and this will be one tough assignment, a draw is likely.

Finally HEIDELBERG UNITED entertain APLA-LEICHHARDT both coming into this game with impressive last up performances, another draw imminent.

THE clubs whose pre season form was mediocre, certainly bounced back and posted a warning of big things to come, to the other NSL clubs.

Rale Rasic and Eddie Thomson at APLA and Sydney City should be well pleased with their sides' opening performance.

Both sides now look to have well balanced squads again and if they can maintain the opening days play should be amongst the leaders.

APLA-Leichhardt had a number of good players in their 3-1 win over St George, but Rale Rasic certainly seems to have a winner in Burim Zajmi and I'm sure we'll hear a lot more of this man.

He's strong on the ball, has a fine touch with good skills and he certainly put the effort in the 90 minutes.

It was a good all round team performance in difficult conditions.

Sydney City's new recruits also slotted in well and despite being down to 10 men for almost all the second half, were far too good for Olympic.

Kevin Hagen and Clint Gosling fitted in well but



ALAN VEST HAS HIS SAY...

Former NZ international and well-known coach, ALAN VEST, now NSW Director of Coaching, writes for ASW.

ZAJMI AND O'CONNOR ARE GIVING THEIR ALL

Steve O'Connor had a fine game — a performance I'd rate with the best.

I've rarely seen him play better, and along

with Tom McCulloch and Abbas Saad the signs are there for a good season.

PIPE OF PEACE FOR FIJI AND SUNSHINE STATE

THE Queensland Soccer Federation has put the headline-grabbing events of last week's matches against Fiji behind them and is negotiating for a tour of the islands next year.

QSF officials and their counterparts from the Fiji Football Association moved quickly after last week's abandonment of the second match between the two teams.

BY GREG RUSSELL

"This was an isolated incident and there is no change to the friendly relations between the two organisations," Fiji Football Association vice-president Mr Sadhu Prasad said.

The QSF and the FFA met for several hours the day following the match abandonment and it was agreed in principle for Queensland to tour next year following the finalisation of several

financial matters. Queensland toured Fiji in 1985.

Fiji completed its tour of Queensland last week with a 1-0 win over a Gold Coast representative side, before a huge crowd which was not unexpected following the huge publicity over the earlier match abandonment.

Queensland won the opening encounter between the two sides 3-1 but referee Bill Monteverde abandoned the second clash, with the scores 1-1, in the 60th minute. It is understood the match officials report will allege linesman Alan Kibbler was struck during a melee which followed the sending off of Queensland's Martin

Kirsopp and Fiji's Epeli Rokoqica.

"International rules are quite clear ... if a match official is struck, the match is abandoned," president of the Queensland division of the Australian Soccer Referees Federation, Mr Roger Marshall said.

Trouble in the second match between Queensland and Fiji was always on the cards after the pre-match statements of Fiji coach Billy Singh. Singh claimed the Fijians would put some Queenslanders on the sidelines with "bone-crushing tackles".

Queensland coach Bruce Stowell slammed the statements as "the most irresponsible

things I have ever heard a national coach say."

The Fijians also claimed the appointment of Kibbler on the line had sparked trouble and they appealed before the match to have him replaced. Singh verbally attacked Kibbler on his refereeing performance in the first game.

With the tense lead-up, it was not surprising that the match started in a willing manner. Fiji took a well deserved lead, but Queensland levelled on a penalty.

Shortly after Monteverde waved the red card after a scuffle between Kirsopp and Rokoqica — which, surprisingly, video replays show was only a minor clash made worse by each player's momentum in the shoot and tackle situation.

Kibbler was brought into the action when he went to report an incident between Fijian keeper Bilahoa Isiala and Queensland's John Stewart which had occurred behind Monteverde as he was sending off the other pair. The Fijians surrounded Kibbler and began jostling him. One player openly slapped Kibbler across the face. The linesman then turned and ran out of the melee. It will be alleged Kibbler was viciously elbowed in the face as he ran away.

QSF secretary Alan Vessey has collated reports from all parties concerned and has passed them onto the Australian Soccer Federation. He has instructed the Fijians to do the same.

"If there is any further action to be taken, it will be a matter between the two national bodies," Vessey said.

2nd Division KINGSFORD BATHURST DRAW

AFTER an outstanding start by Kingsford Hellenic second and third grade players it was thought that the first grade would go on with the job against Bathurst 75 at Kensington Oval.

Kingsford found the going tough but in the 80th minute a penalty conversion by Tommy Gavin after Godzik had been fouled carried them home to a 1-0 win.

Bathurst made the game very competitive for the full 90 minutes, without creating any real pressure on the opposing goal.

Kingsford made many chances but their problem is finding the back of the net.

Sydney Maccabi remain the competition leaders by a single point from Polonia, but they were held to 2-2 by Mike Speed's Dee Why Swans.

Queens Park were at home for the first time this season, playing Yugal, last year's winners.

They took all six points over the three grades in a great day for the Park.

The first grade game saw Carl Anderson score his first goal for the season, and he doubled up with another in the second half.

This was an outstanding game despite the heat. Yugal brought on coach Des Marton at halftime, and he proved that he is still the maestro.

GO WEST YOUNG MAN

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE State Bank Soccer League has an unrivalled chance to attract the genuine Soccer fans this

week. NSL games amount to St George on Friday night and the Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday, following Sydney City's withdrawal.

Two top games are in the west, with leaders Blacktown City hosting improving Ku-ring-gai at the Gabbie at Seven Hills.

Ku-ring-gai has bolstered their defence by snapping up former Penrith star Don Campbell, so expect a big clash with the likes of Adam Sandy, Brett Thornthwaite and Jason Van Blerk.

At Cook Park St Marys, Melita's loss to Warringah will have geed them up for the Uruguay clash. The club has even courted ex-Socceroo Steve O'Connor to strengthen the defence.

Out at Graham Reserve, Newcastle will face Warringah.

Closer to town Wollongong, about to sign a Yugoslavia Second Division striker come up against the George Barbour's Canterbury brigade at Arlington Oval.

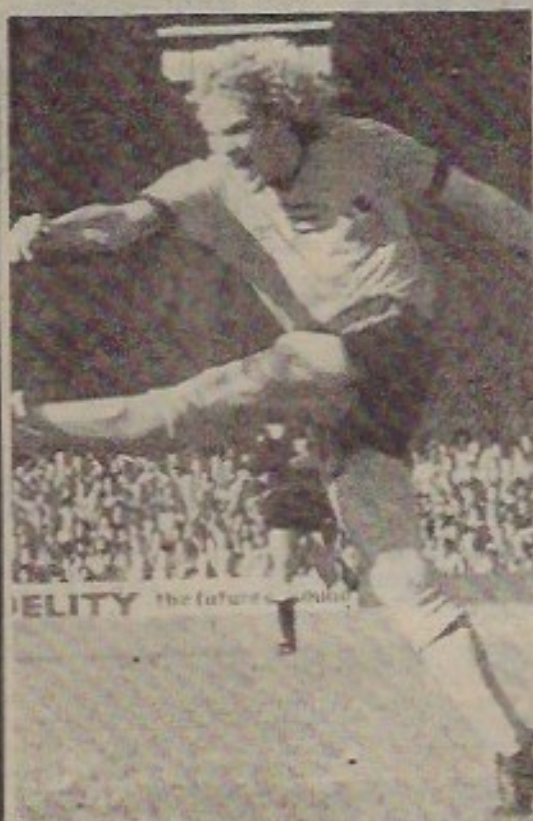
The Nationwide Round-up

ANDY GRAY COULD JOIN DORIGO AT ADELAIDE

ASTON Villa's Andy Gray may line up for Adelaide City as a guest player in the West End National League.

The Australian champions have opened negotiations with the Scottish striker's Gold Coast agent Tony Price.

BY TOM McKAIN



ANDY GRAY... another Dixie Deans.

And it is odds on Villa defender Tony Dorigo, a former City junior, will be back with his old club for a guest stint.

Dorigo is also on Price's list and has told

him he wants to play in Adelaide at the end of the English season.

Gray may decide to play in Sydney or Melbourne.

"A lot depends on how

much Gray wants, and for how many games," said City president, Mr Charlie Caruso.

"We still have to iron out the details, but Dorigo looks a certain starter."

"There is a chance we could get Gray if one of our sponsors comes up with the cash."

"But we would have to be convinced he would give us a hundred per cent."

Gray is in the same mould and character as Dixie Deans, who was such a hit with City back in 1977, and although Gray would be here only on a guest basis, there is no doubt he would be out to impress and earn his wages.

Barnes, Varadi

Price also has Manchester City pair Peter Barnes and Imre Varadi on his books.

They are also willing to come to Australia as guests.

His biggest name is England superstar Bryan Robson, but he would come only as a guest speaker and to hold coaching seminars.

Meanwhile City has lodged a strong protest

with the NSL about the non-televising of the opening round match against Heidelberg in Adelaide.

"We did not expect to be the match of the day, but we did expect some recognition as Australian champions," said Mr Caruso.

"We will be the main TV attraction this weekend when we are at home to Marconi, but were under the impression six games at least would be covered every weekend."

"We will not be amused if the only time we are on the screen is when we play away."

"We have sold ground advertising on the strength of TV, as have many other clubs, and we hope the TV people get their act together for the rest of the season."

Only three games were covered in the opening round, the Match of the Day and highlights from two others.

At the time of going to press NSL executive director, Mr Stefan Karmase, was negotiating again with SBS TV.



PETER BARNES

QUEENSLAND XXXX LEAGUE RESULTS

Coalstars 1 drew Rochdale Rovers 1, North Star 1 b Taringa Rovers 0, Mt Gravatt 3 drew Easts 3, Brisbane Lions 7 b Olympic 0.

LIONS

BRISBANE Lions ran 15th in a 14 team race when it came to membership of the 1987 National League.

The criteria included factors for past points, 1985 points and crowd figures.

Now the club management is looking to legal avenue to gain admission.



TONY DORIGO

KIM'S GOALSTAR COMEBACK

FORMER Queensland goalkeeper Kim Wishart last week made an unexpected return to Soccer after breaking his leg more than a year ago.

And his former club Brisbane City were taught a valuable and expensive lesson. Wishart disappeared off the local scene when he broke his leg in the early rounds of the NSL last year. The severe break required surgery and months of physio for the big keeper.

City officials approached Wishart late last year and he honestly told them he did not think he would play again. Foolishly Wishart was not retained by City.

But with the new season approaching, Wishart was enticed to local club, Coalstars, in Ipswich where his career began 15 years earlier. Wishart at first was very hesitant to start playing again, fearing his leg was still not right.

At first he only trained lightly but eventually was talked into putting his boots and gloves back on and turned out in the opening round of XXXX fixtures.

His first match back in the local competition was not a happy time for Wishart as Coalstars were beaten 2-0 by last year's rivals, North Star.

"I was still a bit wary of my leg but I am sure my confidence will grow with each match," Wishart said afterwards.

Coalstars coach Brian Styles too is confident that the big keeper has plenty of top games ahead of him and believes his inclusion will ensure the Bundamba side has another successful season.

Coalstars took two of the three major trophies last year and was hoping to at least match that effort this season. But a major hole was created when Brent "the Bear" Diffo left the club during the off-season. The much under-rated Diffo saved Coalstars on numerous times last year. Wishart loomed as an obvious and expert replacement, not to mention a cheap one as well with his unexpected new status as a free agent.

"I started my football in Ipswich and I have a lot of friends at Coalstars," Wishart said.

He is hoping to regain his form as quickly as possible and regain his Queensland place for the forthcoming tour of New Zealand.

But with Lions' Rob Farrow playing extremely well between the sticks for Queensland, that could be Wishart's biggest challenge of the season.



KIM WISHART... back at Coalstars

LET THERE BE LIGHT

QUEENSLAND Soccer is facing a major fixture re-scheduling after a special grounds committee failed to approve the floodlight systems at every major club ground in Brisbane.

The committee, using a newly purchased light meter, found every ground, with the exception of Soccer headquarters Perry Park, failed to meet the minimum standards set earlier.

For night matches to go ahead, the QSF requires fields to have 75 lux down the sidelines and 50 lux down the middle. Twelve club grounds inspected last week failed their tests and others to be inspected this week are expected to get the thumbs down as well.

The QSF gave clubs two weeks grace to rectify the problem, with many systems only needing refocussing and bulb replacement. But from next week, night fixtures will not go ahead at unapproved grounds. And the re-scheduling of matches could cause massive headaches.

Referees already have said that they will not be able to provide officials for some matches if extra games are put on Saturday or Sunday afternoons.

And some clubs face ground congestion with women's and juniors matches likely to be brushed aside to allow Saturday night senior games to be re-scheduled to prime afternoon slots.

Some clubs are in uproar over the decision and claim the grounds committee has taken too firm a line. One club has been quoted in excess of \$6000 to upgrade its lights while many others are finding replacement bulbs now cost up to \$300 each.

"Clubs budgets are stretched to the maximum now, we can't afford several thousands dollars to increase our lights by 10 lux, whatever that means," one official said.

"We were encouraged by the QSF to put our games on at different time slots so we would not all be competing against ourselves and now they do this to us."

"Saturday nights were very profitable for food and bar takings but it will be the end of the season before we recoup what we would have to outlay to have our lights approved."

Queensland Update

GREG RUSSELL brings you the latest news and views from the scene up north.

BRISBANE AT READY FOR IPSWICH SUNSHINE STATE TILT

BRISBANE coach Mal Bland has confirmed Ipswich's worst fears for this month's annual intercity clash.

Bland has revealed that the majority of his side will be the Queensland team which beat Fiji 3-1 last month. That will leave Ipswich with a monumental task in trying to retain the intercity championship, which will be the final trial before state coach Bruce Stowell announces his squad to tour New Zealand in May.

Queensland Soccer Federation officials agonised over whether to change the eligibility rules for the intercity clash following the return of the National League players to the local competition. Under city boundaries, Lions and Brisbane City are in Brisbane which gave Bland an army of experienced players to consider in comparison with Ipswich which has only two

XXXX League clubs — Ipswich United and Coalstars.

But Ipswich's fierce parochialism prompted the QSF to maintain the existing rules — and Bland went for all the stars he could.

"My prime aim was to win back the title we lost last year and in that respect I chose the best players possible," Bland said, although he won't name his squad until next week.

"But I was also mindful that this game is the final Queensland selection trial for the New Zealand tour and I wanted to give players every chance to push their claims."

Own Man

Bland said that while he had sat with Queensland coach Bruce Stowell at many of the early season games, he had never conferred on selections.

"It's just a coincidence that many of the players

Bruce chose for his Queensland team to play Fiji and the ones I have picked for Brisbane were the same," Bland said.

Ipswich coach Gary Wilkins also will name his squad next week and may be forced into a late rethink.

Although all his players will come from United and Coalstars, most would have been expected to come from the latter on their performance last year.

But United raced to the top of the XXXX League table after thrashing Redlands 4-0 in the opening fixture and a number of the Ebbw Vale players, including youngsters Mark Goodman and Stephen Bradford, are screaming out for late consideration.

The annual intercity clash will be played at Ebbw Vale on Wednesday, April 22 — if the Ipswich United lights are approved.

Fijians, who put on their best performance of the tour.

The Gold Coast team contains well-known Coast players in Archie Fraser and Ricky Mangan but has been strengthened considerably by the inclusion of Southport's former Inter Monaro players Rick Budini and Ian

Wotherspoon.

"The Fiji match was the team's first real outing together but I have no doubts that by the middle of the season they will give a few Brisbane XXXX League teams a real fright in the Ampol Cup," said QSF secretary Alan Vasey, who attended the Fiji match.



IAN WOTHERSPOON

STEWART LOSS SHAKES LIONS

BRISBANE Lions have slammed the door shut on prospective buyers following the unexpected loss of their captain John Stewart to Preston last week.

But Lions coach Col Bennett fears he will have to shield his players from a second wave of approaches within the next month as a number of southern NSW sides find their playing staffs inadequate.

In all, Lions have lost 13 players, for returns in excess of \$60,000, since the end of the season. Stewart, who moved for \$15,000, was third leading player to go south. He followed Danny Wright, who went to South Melbourne for \$15,000 and Steve Jackson who moved to Preston for \$10,000.

Other Lions who transferred to local clubs included Clark Anderson, Tom McGregor, Wayne Evans, Rod Vasquez and Mick Mulvey,

who all had NSW experience, along with youngsters Richard Van Win, Mark Goodman, Mick Kelly, Jarrod Austin and Robert Marinov.

"We expected to lose a number of top players along with those who had been fringe players and were likely to find it difficult to get a first team place with the NSW team coming back to the local competition," Bennett said.

"But enough is enough. If we are going to be serious about getting back to the NSW, then we have got to start showing that to those players who have remained."

"But we are fully expecting more approaches over the next few weeks as some southern sides

look to strengthen their teams. But everyone is under contract and we want to keep them."

"So quite simply, the message is 'stay away, we're not selling'."

Possible Losses

Players who could be targeted by southern clubs include those who starred for Queensland last month. They include Socceroo representative Russell Stewart, Queensland keeper Rob Farrow and imports Frank Liddell, Jim Morton and Davey Richardson.

Such has been the loss of players that Bennett is now even looking to buy. While he has the players to get him through this year's XXXX League and win it, injuries could

stretch his squad. And he also wants a strong team to win the play-offs to gain NSW promotion at the end of the year.

Bennett admits he is in the market for a midfielder and a striker.

The midfielder could be Mount Gravatt's Martin Kinsopp, who was man of the match for Queensland in the opening match against the Fijians last month. Kinsopp, who was once apprenticed at Sutherland, came to Mount Gravatt after several seasons with Gisborne in the New Zealand National League. But his appeal as a possible Lions player has been enhanced not only by his recent brilliant on-field performances, but also by his gaining of permanent residency status.

Bennett has been looking south for the striker buy says it is hard to find the right player.

"We are not going to pay a lot of money for someone who is at the end of their career. But at the same time it is very difficult to get anyone with good future prospects to come to Queensland."

One positive thought for Lions though is that they asked that all their departing players insert buy back clauses in their contracts with new clubs.

"If we get back in the NSW, I think there are a few who will want to return and we should be able to get them for the same price at which we sold them. We've put the money away anyway," Bennett said.



JOHN STEWART ... to Preston.

ANOTHER HERMISTON

LIONS were playing their first match in five years without skipper John Stewart, who transferred to Preston the previous day, and looked terribly disorganised without him.

"Maybe we lacked John's direction, but we didn't play well and still won. We understand it's going to be a hard road and it's just a matter of us maintaining our standards," Lions coach Col Bennett said.

"Unlike what many are saying, I am sure we will improve. Maybe the players were a little jaded because with the Queensland games and the XXXX pre-season tournament finals they have played a lot of soccer in a short time."

With Ipswich United thrashing League newcomers Redlands 4-0 at Ebbw Vale, Lions' win didn't take them to the top of the table. But no doubt they will be there within a few weeks when a real table begins to form.

Other teams which won their first round match included North Star, Azzurri, Brisbane City and Easts.

Goals in each half enabled North Star to dispense of last year's rivals Coalstars, who lacked the fight of earlier clashes. It was North Star's new signings, Jarrod Austin and Mick Mulvey, both from Lions, who netted for the win, leaving coach Iain Fagan no doubt happy with his acquisitions.

The stars of Ipswich's win were teenage midfielders Stephen Bradford and Mark Goodman, who were given a tremendous responsibility in the 4-2-4 formation.

"Because of injuries I had no other choice. But the two youngsters did a great job and they have helped give us our best start to the competition in years," Ipswich coach Matt Carson said.

Redlands, who had reached the final of the XXXX pre-season tournament, went into the match without suspended striker Barry Kelso. But even his inclusion probably wouldn't have changed the result and the Haysiders learned very quickly that their first season in top company is going to be a battle.

Easts have had a somewhat low profile in the pre-season, but made no mistake in beating Taringa 2-0. And it was the Tigers' reliable duo of Jim McDonagh and Phil Redmond who netted the goals against a reorganised Taringa, trying to cover for the suspended Calvin Daunt.

Brisbane City beat Olympic United by the same score, but should have won more handsomely. Olym-



JIM HERMISTON pictured during his playing days

pic were without the experienced Mick Cernaka while coach Mike Milovanovic did not play.

City's scorers were Ringo Mejias and Frank Mengotti but the team had three shots hit the upright.

The other match of the first round saw newly promoted Rochdale claw back from 0-2 at halftime to salvage a 2-2 draw.

The man of the match was Thistle's James Hermiston, the teenage son of legendary Jim Hermiston. After playing at North Star and Brisbane City, young James seems to have found his niche as sweeper for Thistle, ironically the club which brought Jim to Australia and where he first grabbed the headlines.

This weekend sees the third round of matches and the first Perry Park clash of the season. Coalstars will meet Taringa at Soccer headquarters at 7pm on Saturday.

Other fixtures are: North Star v Mt Gravatt, O'Callaghan Park Saturday 7pm (to be confirmed); Rochdale R. v Ipswich U. Underwood Park, Saturday 7pm (to be confirmed); Azzurri Brisbane City v Grange Thistle, Spencer Park, Sunday, 2.45pm; Lions v Redlands, Richlands, Sunday, 2.45pm; Easts v Olympic, Heath Park, Sunday, 2.45pm.

GOLD COAST GAMBLERS

GOLD Coast Soccer is on a roll and many think they will emerge winners.

The holiday region's representative Soccer team has gained a lucrative sponsorship from the Conrad Casino, Jupiter's. The team now wears a set of dice on the front of its shirts and is known as the Gold Coast Gamblers.

The Gamblers are now coached by former Australian women's team coach Jim Selby and have their eyes set on winning Queensland's prestigious Ampol Cup knockout competition.

The Gold Coast staged a highly-successful promotion last week when they hosted the Fiji touring team. The match gained saturation coverage in the local press and attracted a huge crowd.

The Gamblers were beaten only 1-0 by the

BULLI REMAIN FAVOURITES IN SPITE OF EARLY LOSS

WHEN Cringila beat Bulli 2-0 in the first round of the Premier League competition it ended a remarkable run of 33 games without defeat for Norm Flanagan's Bulli side.

BY PHIL MURPHY

It was mid-1985 that Bulli lost 1-0 to Aris in a league match, but they went on to take the championship and win the grand final.

Last season they didn't lose a game and beat Fernhill in the grand final for good measure.

Flanagan had mixed feelings after the loss to Cringila.

"Naturally people will say it takes a lot of pressure off the players and this is probably right," he said.

"Unfortunately the team played very badly against Cringila and this was disappointing to me."

"Looking back on the game there were eight players who could be in line for a place in reserve grade."

With a few newcomers in his squad this year, including last season's top scorer, Steve Quirk, from Aris, Bulli are favourites to win the title again.

Fleming scores

Wollongong City coach John Fleming scored a goal in his debut with Premier League club Aris against Shellharbour.

Fleming will be playing regularly with Aris this season, being able to combine his two roles.

Aris lost 3-2 to Shellharbour but Fleming scored his team's second goal with a well-executed free kick.

Aris have also gained some other well-known players in a bid to rebuild their team after a mass exodus in the off-season.

Steve Baker and Mick Richardson, formerly with Fairy Meadow Italia, have signed up along with a very talented full-back in Neale Sutherland, from Fernhill.

Fleming said he has been impressed with the enthusiasm at Aris and with the players obviously needing a settling in period he feels they can make the top four.

Could it be the Wolves' coach may pull off a unique double? ... a role in a State League and Premier League championship.

Berkeley Bunfight

The administration of Wollongong Macedonia came under fire when they were battling to get a ground for their big local derby against Wollongong City.

Macedonia's home ground is Berkeley

Sportsground but it seems they don't rate very highly with Berkeley Sports and Social Club, which leases out the ground.

Just days before the Wolves' game the club told them they were third in line for use of the ground behind Berkeley rugby league club and Berkeley Soccer Club which plays in the Illawarra second division.

This resulted in a mad rush to find a suitable alternate venue but the game was eventually played at Berkeley as part of a double double-header.

Berkeley and Portside played two games as did Macedonia and the Wolves with the action starting at 9.30am.

It seems Macedonia will be in this situation at least five more times during the season and are working furiously to solve this problem.

Wake Up, Clubs

The acute shortage of referees in Illawarra is going to cause big problems this season but clubs don't seem to be too worried.

With only about 25 active refs to control and run lines at 48 district games each weekend club officials are being recruited to referee second division games and run lines in all three divisions.

The ISA and the re-



STEVE QUIRK

ferees called on all clubs to send people who would be involved in these roles to a special education night recently.

Each of the 36 clubs were notified but not one person turned up.

On the surface this is a scandalous situation and the association should fine the lot.

Rumblings from clubs include the quaint thought that they pay affiliation fees to the ISA and should not have to provide referees and linesmen as well.

Sounds impressive but if there aren't referees available how can the ISA appoint them?

Chilby's Shift

Reg Chilby, centre-half with Wollongong City in the NSL last season, is with Illawarra first division club Oak Flats this year.

He was forced to leave the Wolves because he started work in a mine on afternoon shift and was unable to train.

Chilby was more than pleased with his debut for Oak Flats as they beat Bellambi 3-1 and he scored a goal.

His brother, Ray, is the other fullback and he also scored.

Captain Tony McDonald is confident his team can win promotion this season and the Chilby brothers have key roles to play.

The executive director of the AWSA, Heather Reid, said in Canberra that the AWSA had accepted an invitation to be present at a meeting between the various parties, under the auspices of the NSW Soccer Federation, on April 14.

"The meeting will be an attempt to sort out the problems in the state," she said.

STEVE BLAND BACK

STEVE BLAND has won a place in the

Things are also moving at Oak Flats' new ground, Keith Bond Oval, with a \$3000 awning having been erected to provide cover for spectators.

Extensions are being added to the dressing rooms and the place is generally getting a major facelift.

Sattin's Problem

Former Wollongong Macedonia fullback Ron Sattin could be in for a long, hard season as coach of Premier League side Unanderra.

Sattin is having his first try as coach of a senior side but it wasn't a happy start when Unanderra played South Coast at Elizabeth Park.

After losing 7-0 in reserve grade, Unanderra went down 6-0 in the main match.

The club are obviously missing centre-back combination Paul Meares and Darren Galway who switched to Fairy Meadow Italia in the off season.

To make matters worse, Sattin wasn't able to use replacement centre-half Peter van Geest as he was captaining Port Kembla in the Illawarra cricket final.

It was a bad day all-round for Van Geest as Port Kembla went down to University in the cricket match.

Newcastle squad, after five years playing in the NSW-Victoria Border district.

A capable midfielder who was tipped to rise into NSL ranks, Bland's school-teaching career had taken him south with the NSW Education Department.

He longed to get back home to Newcastle, and this time his prayers were answered.

A transfer arrived that took him to Raymond Terrace —

NEWCASTLE NEWS

ADAMSTOWN IS HOME

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

NEWCASTLE Rosebud United and decided to retain the Adamstown Sports Ground as its headquarters for 1987.

There has been speculation for several weeks regarding Newcastle's possible move to Macquarie Field — the home ground of State First Division club, Lake Macquarie City — for the rest of this year.

But the doubts have been put to rest as the result of the Newcastle club's extended annual meeting.

A steering committee had been formed to investigate and report on the Lake Macquarie proposal. But at the recent meeting at which the matter was discussed, members of the steering committee said there were some aspects of the Lake Macquarie offer that needed clarification.

Newcastle club members subsequently decided to accept concessions being offered by the Adamstown Rosebud Soccer Club Co-operative, voting 21-4 in favour of remaining of Adamstown.

AFFILIATION POINTERS

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

THE Northern NSW Amateur Soccer Federation has struck another obstacle in its aim to either affiliate with or amalgamate with the NSW Amateur Federation.

The Northern NSW Amateurs, at their annual meeting some weeks ago, decided not to affiliate with the Northern NSW Soccer Federation Ltd because of differences between the two bodies.

Since then, the amateur organisation has been informed by the Northern NSW Federation and the Australian Soccer Federation that it cannot affiliate with any other body outside its own State boundaries.

This decision has now been reinforced by the NSW Soccer Federation's official notification to the NSW Amateurs that they must not interfere in the integrity of Northern NSW and cannot amalgamate with any other body outside their official area.

The Northern NSW Soccer Federation, which condemned the amateur body's decision not to re-affiliate, believes the move was ill-advised and one that has only created uncertainty within its own ranks.

Marshall Soper's home town.

Newcastle coach Peter Dewhurst is sharpening him up to play in State Bank League football.

Twice he was voted the best and fairest player in the North Eastern Soccer League whilst playing with clubs in the Victorian town of Shepparton.

He had a couple of years playing alongside Neal Endacott, one of Newcastle's most illustrious Soccer sons, who is a high school teacher in Albury.



IAN HOLMES

PROGRESS NEEDED

NSW Amateur Soccer Federation representatives met their Northern NSW colleagues in Coffs Harbour over the weekend.

The idea was to get together and plan for a co-ordinated effort to improve the code amongst the juniors and amateurs of the state.

NSWASF president Ian Holmes said: "Country progress has to come now."

"We are facing huge expenditures by Australian rules in southern NSW, and heavily funded assistance in rugby league and rugby union throughout the state."

"For over 20 years not one leader in NSW senior Soccer has been prepared to deal with the problem."

"The amateurs right throughout NSW have decided that they can wait no longer and must take steps to send the code ahead."

"The members of the organisation knew they could be bullied and threatened over the change, but they are determined to go ahead with the job."

— KEITH GILMOUR

NSW WOMEN'S GET SET TOGETHER FOR SYDNEY APRIL 14

WOMEN'S SOCCER SCENE



BY GRAHAM COOKE

PLAYERS affiliated to the NSW Women's Soccer Federation would soon have to choose where their loyalties lay, Federation secretary Uwe Bracklow said.

"We're quite happy for them to complete any commitments made when the Federation was still a member of the Australian Women's Soccer Association, but after that they must decide whether they continue to play for us or not," he said.

These commitments had extended to participation in the recent training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport

and in the Australia v Invitation XI game at Bruce Stadium last month.

It would also include this week's Australian under 17 tour to the US for the Dallas Cup tournament.

Bracklow denied that the withdrawal of defender Jeneane Aitkin from the Invitation XI had been the result of pressure from his Federation. "As far as we were concerned she was quite at liberty to compete," he said.



UWE BRACKLOW

Another NSW player, Leanne Edmundson, pulled

ed out with an ankle injury leaving only Sharon Young from that state in the game.

Edmundson and Denise Pentecost are NSW's representatives in the Dallas squad.

The situation has arisen out of an AWSA special general meeting decision to withdraw recognition of the Federation as the governing body of women's Soccer in NSW and invest it instead in the Central NSW association.

The Federation administers many of the players in the Sydney metropolitan area, including the prestigious Women's Soccer League, but the Liverpool Association and a country element comprise Central NSW.

Bracklow said the Federation was quite happy to continue in this role — "we are saving ourselves \$5000 a year in affiliation fees" — and was planning an end-of-season representative tour to either Europe or the west coast of the US.

STEVE HOSZOWSKI STILL KEEN TO APPEAR FOR AN ACT CLUB



STEVE HOSZOWSKI... plenty to offer in Canberra.

FORMER Inter Monaro Soccer goalkeeper and joint coach Steve Hoszowski is puzzled at the treatment he has received from the club during the summer.

"I have been reading in the newspapers that I am some kind of bad boy for not getting in touch with Monaro," he said.

"But I would have thought they could have let me know what was going on. All I had from them is a letter telling me when training was beginning.

"They might have thought that was enough, but I believe there should have been some discussion of contracts and my status for the coming season."

Hoszowski, a schoolteacher, was out of town for part of the summer but arrived back on the Australia Day weekend and, contrary to rumours going the rounds, had no plans to move away from Canberra.

He is not too put out at missing the beginning of the season. "I am enjoying the spare time and have taken on some extra commitments.

"I would consider playing again, although not necessarily with Monaro. The ACT competition might suit.

"But at the moment I simply have no idea of my status — whether I am a retained player with Monaro or whether I am on the transfer list," he said.

CAPITAL COVER



GRAHAM COOKE REPORTS FROM THE ACT

AISF PREPARED FOR BIG PACIFIC CUP

FIVE nations have accepted invitations to play in the Pacific Cup Indoor Soccer tournament in Brisbane, AISF president Joe Brent said in Canberra.

They are the US, Canada, Mexico, Japan and New Zealand, who will join Australia in a round-robin competition from July 2 to 7.

been accepted." The league management committee would

last year's grand finalists Canberra City Strikers, and the Canberra Ampol Rockets — had signed contracts for the coming season.

Two ACT appointments were also

BY GRAHAM COOKE

"We will be using it as a major test of our capability to stage a major international competition," Brent said.

"It will be a dress rehearsal for the World Indoor Cup in Australia next year."

Three Canadian women's teams — open, under 19 and under 16 — would be touring Australia at the same time with Test matches planned for Sydney, Melbourne and the ACT.

"We are also hoping the USA will join the series, but nothing definite has been fixed," he said.

"And we plan to further strengthen our links with Canada by sending an Aboriginal team there in November."

Brent also confirmed that a team from Auckland would be competing in the 1987 National Indoor Soccer League, which kicks off later in the year. "They have sent their money in and have



JOE BRENT... AISF president.

be meeting shortly to finalise the composition of the competition, but Brent said all existing teams who wish to remain in would be able to.

The two ACT sides —

announced — Jim Roberts will coach the Aboriginal team to Canada and Keith Rundle will manage the Australian open women's team in the home Test series.

WOMEN'S SOCCER SCENE



AMATEURS' ROLE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE largest numbers of women's soccer players in Sydney — far and away the main centre for women players right throughout Australia — are in the ranks of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

A NSW Amateur Federation official pointed to the increasing number of women and girls playing the code in such association as Canterbury, Bankstown, St George (with Southern and Eastern Suburbs), Manly-Warringah and

NOVEL FUND RAISER A WOMEN'S WINNER

FUND-raising for the Australian women's youth tour to the United States had been a great exercise in self help, AWSA executive director Hether Reid said.

"The players were encouraged to go out and get sponsorship for themselves and they have been overwhelmingly successful," she said.

Three of the 19-strong touring party did not attempt to gain sponsors, preferring to pay their own way. The others managed to raise more than \$7000 between them.

The association had announced a scale of sponsorship — gold for donations of \$300 and over and silver for \$150 to \$299. Gold sponsors included Penrith Rugby League Club, Belconnen United Soccer Club, ACTWSA, The Image Centre, Typefounders, Bridgewater-Brighton Community Club, Metro-Charmont Soccer Club, Great Eastern

Mines, Queanbeyan Ready Mix Women's Soccer Club, Mingara Recreation Club, Noon An' Night Catering, Lions Club of Killarney-Bateau Bay, Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club, Gold Coast and Albert Soccer Club and Fairmont Homes.

The squad, which leaves to take part in the Dallas Cup tournament tomorrow (April 8), is:

Bronwyn Calver, Laura Fisher, Katrina Alexander (ACT), Lisa Van Dorp, Karin Wilkinson, Katrina Barsby (Northern NSW), Sarah Cooper (Northern Territory), Gail Pace (South Australia), Yvonne Mitchell, Yolanda McCarthy (Tasmania), Denise Wright, Lee-Anne Hamilton (Victoria), Leanne Edmunson, Denise Pentecost (NSW), Samantha O'Brien, Kerrie Rowe (South Queensland); coach, Clive Mackillop (ACT); assistant coach, Shona Bass (Victoria); manager, Betty Hoar (Victoria).

— GRAHAM COOKE

the very strong Sutherland Shire.

In addition Gladesville-Hornsby women and the GHFA co-operate closely.

"We don't think that our interest in women's football will end there," the spokesman said.

The most prestigious competition is the Womens Soccer League, which fields many of the best players in Australia.

On the face of matters the NSW Amateur Federation stands to become the leading providers and builders of women's football.

They have the clubs and grounds in place and the goodwill of so many

players that they stand to dominate the position.

The prestigious WSL is the body on its own for standards, and so far as can be seen, the Central NSW organisation could only rate if it links up with the NSW ASF.

Discussions between the NSW ASF and the NSWASF proved fruitless previously and the former is not satisfied with some of the administrators in the NSWASF.

Regardless of what comes, the NSWASF will conduct the womens Champion of Champions at the end of the year.

NSW however must get its act together if many of Australia's leading women players are to again become available for national selection.



HEATHER REID

JIM FRASER SHIELD

Third round: Croatia Deakin 2 Canberra City Olympians 2, Belconnen United 3 Narrabundah 1, Juventus 2 Tuggeranong United 1, CCAE 0 Concordia Canberra 0, ANU 3 Condors 0, Canberra United 2 ADFA 0, Canberra City 0 Queanbeyan City 1, Weston Creek 0 International 1.

Semi-finals: Juventus 1 CCAE 1 (Juventus won 4-1 on penalties), Canberra City Olympians 3 Belconnen United 2.

AUTUMN SHIELD

Third round: Goulburn 1 RMC 2, Tuggeranong United 4 Wanderers 2, Dickson Old Boys 3 ANU 2.

Semi-finals: Dickson Old Boys 1 Wanderers 1 (Wanderers won 5-4 on penalties), Tuggeranong United 0 RMC 2.

SHIELD WINNERS

Final: Juventus 1 Canberra City Olympians 0.

AUTUMN SHIELD Final: RMC 6 Wanderers 0.

JOHN WALSH SETTLES IN AT BELCONNEN

THE Belconnen United four-year plan is moving smoothly into its third quarter on schedule and with no apparent problems in sight.

In fact, officials at the northern Soccer club would be excused a little self-congratulation if they paused to reflect on just how well things have gone over the past two years.

Since the plan, titled "We'll Be Great in '88" was launched, United has finished 4th, then 3rd in the ACT Senior League first division and although coach Jim Hayes is well known for his refusal to make predictions, there are no prizes for guessing his aim this season.

There have been a few changes at Belconnen, but Hayes believes the club has emerged on the credit side with any outstanding gaps easily plugged by products from its formidably efficient youth system.

The major off-season signing is John Walsh who played in all but one game of Inter Monaro's NSL program last year.

Walsh, who will be used in the key role of sweeper, is settling in well, Hayes said. "He's enjoying his game and his experience will be valuable."

"We've also re-signed Brian Watkins from Canberra City's youth team, and I am bringing up Mark Tosic and Greg



Roberts from the reserves," he stated.

Losses include Manuel Notaris, understudy to first-team goalkeeper Richard Tomaszewski last season, who has joined Monaro, left back Mick Carter, concentrating on studies, and midfielder Lino Fiorese and utility player Berto Pandolfo, who are trying their luck with Italian third-division sides.

Once again the club will be represented at all levels in the ACT with the first division side being backed by one in reserve grade, senior

REMARKABLE 2400 PLAYERS AT BELCONNEN

division four, six, youth division one, and two in youth division two.

To complete the picture there will be two teams in the ACT women's competition while the affiliated junior clubs of Belconnen, Belconnen and Belconnen have signed 2400 players so far.

It was vice president June Willett who offered a statistic which is at the very root of United's success. "Seven out of the 14 in the first-team squad came up through our youth program," she said, "while there are only three in the reserve grade who were not juniors with us."

And with the knowledge that there are more than 2000 youngsters aiming to follow them, there is little wonder at the overwhelming feeling of confidence at Belconnen. As newly-appointed assistant coach Steve Forshaw pointed out: "I can't believe there's any doubt we'll be great in '88 but I'm sure Jim won't mind if we're a year early."

GRAHAM COOKE

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NSW AMATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mini Ampol Cup

This year we received 24 nominations split into 6 groups of 4. The competition commenced on February 2, and was played on a round robin basis.

The final result was — Marconi 7 defeated Illawarra 0.

A new format has been proposed for 1987 season, this will be submitted at our A.G.M.

U/12 Centenary Cup

This year saw the tournament hosted by the Kirrawee Soccer Club at their Sutherland Association Grounds "Kareela" complex. My congratulations to their President, Executive and helpers for the excellent presentation and organisation which helped to make this a very successful competition.

The final result was — Sutherland 2 defeated Illawarra 1. State U/14, U/16 and U/18, Robertson and Amateur Cups.

Again we appeared to have similar problems as in previous years — late entries, withdrawals and forfeits. Hopefully amendments scheduled for 1987 will help to delete or at least reduce these problems.

Entries this year had increased in all ages.

Our finals were held at Seymour Shaw, Miranda. Results were:

- (a) U/14 Sydney United 2, def. Eastwood Wanderers 0
- (b) U/16 Castle Hill 3 def. Kingsgrove Olympians 2
- (c) U/18 Sydney United 2 def. Panania RSL 1
- (d) Rob. Cup Panania RS. 3 def. Castle Hill 1
- (e) Ann. Cup Menai Hawks 3 def. Kirrawee 0

Our thanks to the Sutherland State League Club for the use of their fine facilities, and to Australloyd Insurance for their generous sponsorship of the "Australloyd Amateur Cup".

N.S.W. State Titles

Results of all ages are listed under States Titles statistical report.

Host Club/Associations listed below.

- U/11 Wagga, Mrs. Di Mutch representing Riverina
- U/12 Goulburn, Mr. Lindsay Cosgrove representing Southern N.S.W.
- U/13 Lithgow, Mr. Peter Skinner representing Western N.S.W.
- U/14 Valentine Park
- U/15 Valentine Park
- U/16 Valentine Park, Mr. Frank Wilson.

Reports received from tournament managers indicated their respective competitions went extremely well.

Certain points that needed improving we will include in the format for 1987.

On behalf of the executive, our thanks to the tournament managers and many helpers that controlled these fixtures. To Peter Skinner, Lithgow Soccer Association, who under adverse conditions still managed to organise and control the U/13 titles in a very professional manner, congratulations.

Champion of Champions

Issuing the draw using association names allowed the information to be available to participants earlier.

This method will allow the possibility to produce a fixture book for next years tournament and hopefully we can attract some sponsorship as was available this year. Thanks to:

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The finals held at Valentine Park, Parklea were a resounding success, my thanks to the many helpers that assisted in making this so.

Results were:

U/9 Enfield Rovers	2	Wakehurst	0
U/10 Lansvale United	4	Revesby Lions	1
U/11 Camden	3	Smithfield Hotspurs	2
U/12 APIA	3	Chullora	1
U/13 Greystanes	9	Revesby Lions	1
U/14 Bass Hill	2	APIA	1
U/15 Lake Heights	2	Brookvale	0
U/16 Sylvania Heights	5	North Rocks	3
U/17 Yogoali	7	Bankstown Sports	1
U/18 West Pennant Hills	2	Penrith RSL Club	1
U/21 Blakehurst Sports	1	Panania RSL Club	0
A/A Epping YMCA	1	Kissing Point	0

In conclusion I extend my gratitude and thanks to the N.S.W.A.S.F. Executive, Association Secretaries, Referees Appointments Officer — Bill Lodge and others for their assistance and co-operation over the past year.

May Christmas and the New Year bring you all health and happiness.

Dates to Watch for 1987

Event	Nominations Close	Registrations By	Round 1
U/13 Pre season	10.1.87	1.2.87	8.2.87
U/12 Centenary State, Robertson Amateur Cups	6.3.87	18.4.87	19.4.87
Champion of Champions	27.3.87	15.5.87	24.5.87
	31.7.87	4.9.87	13.9.87

BILL CULLINAN



MEDOWIE YOUNGSTER

MEDOWIE Soccer player **Craig Sparrow** looks like becoming one of the sport's high fliers.

Craig, who plays with the Medowie junior team, was selected in the Newcastle Under 11 representative team last season at the age of nine.

The Newcastle team contested the Northern NSW state titles at Valentine in June, losing only one match.

The side gained equal first place on points with Central Coast and Macquarie Associations but slipped back to third on goal difference. Craig played left wing for Newcastle but normally plays striker for Medowie.

The youngsters who has just turned 10 is coached by former Newcastle United coach Ken Kaiser and Northern NSW coach Jim Foley.

Craig's ambition is to one day play with the English team Liverpool.

OAK TURNER CUP

SHOALHAVEN PUT ON A REAL SPURT

THERE is a hoarse whisper suggesting that no side should take Shoalhaven lightly in this year OAK Turner Cup.

Last year they lost to area finalists Woonona after a titanic struggle and word has it that the side is far stronger now.

Wollongong and Figtree are back but in the Cup but it is a great pleasure to note that Moruya, Narooma, Bowral, Moss Vale, Bega and Eden had entered.

This takes the entries up to a 'long stone's throw' from the Victoria border.

It will be interesting to gauge the standard of teams for those far away places.

Convenor Garry Kemp assured the writer that these schools would

be nurtured along steadily.

Welcome

With such a large entry now on the South Coast we are pleased to welcome as Assistant Convenor Mr Peter Bensi from Corrimal High.

Peter has had strong ties with rugby league but recognises the growth of the Ball Turner Cup and was pleased to be associated with Garry Kemp.

He will in fact take charge of the organisation during the first four weeks of Term Two while Garry Kemp is on long service leave.

We are confident that his organising ability will be greatly appreciated by all associated with the competition.

NSW Youth League

ROUND 4

SUNDAY APRIL 4 GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Gladesville v Marconi	0-3	0-0	0-7	0-2
Syd Olympic v Syd City	6-0	3-1	2-1	7-1
Blacktown C v South Dist	1-0	2-0	4-2	2-0
Canterbury-Marr v APIA	2-5	0-2	0-5	0-1
Illawarra v St George	5-2	4-1	1-1	0-1
Melita v Ku-ring-gai	4-0	1-0	2-0	2-0
Central Coast v Nepean	4-0	0-0	5-2	1-1

GROUP B

Uruguay v Sutherland	1-4	0-2	0-2	1-1
Macarthur v Bankstown	2-1	2-2	1-2	5-0
Rockdale v Manly	1-6	1-3	1-2	1-0
Nth Bankstown v Canterbury	2-2	1-1	1-1	3-0
Avala v Blacktown	0-3	1-1	0-2	2-1
Croatia v Yugal	7-0	8-0	8-0	3-0
Polonia v Campbelltown	7-1	3-1	2-0	4-2

Competition secretary Bill Cullinan advises that rumours concerning Sydney City withdrawing from the Youth League are entirely incorrect. The club will be continuing to operate all year as usual.

ROUND 5

SATURDAY 11th APRIL

GROUP A

Marconi v Sydney City	Marconi No. 2
Syd Olympic v Sthn. Districts	Pratten Park
Can/Marrick v Blacktown City	Arlington Oval
APIA v Illawarra	Lambert Park
St George v Melita	Peakhurst Park
Central Coast v Gladesville	Bill Plum Mem.
Nepean v Ku-ring-gai	Cook Park

GROUP B

Bankstown v Sutherland	Memorial Oval
Rockdale v Macarthur	Tempe Res.
Manly v Canterbury	Cromer Park
Blacktown v Nth. Bankstown	Mt Druitt Tn.
Croatia v Avala	Jensen Park
C/town City v Uruguay/Aub.	Lynwood Park
Yugal v Polonia	Jellicoe Park

VALENTINE PARK will play host for 31 youngsters who are vying for places in the Australian U16 team to travel to Canada for the World finals in July.

The boys enter camp on Thursday April 16 and continue to Friday April 24.

After the camp coach Vic Dalgleish is open for any coaching assignments for seniors or juniors until he leaves for Canada at the end of June.

He can be contacted on 02 628 9311.

The 31 players to go into camp are:

- VICTORIA: Kieron Lennon, George Alexios, George Karakatsis, Sam Richardson.
- QUEENSLAND: Darren Freiberg, Guy Rigby, Glen Sheppard.
- SOUTH AUSTRALIA: John Christopoulos, Steve Kitchen.
- WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Shaun Murphy.
- ACT: Steve Horvat, Greg Mills (both AIs).
- NORTHERN NSW: Dean McWhirter, John Russell, Craig McGregor, Mark Tully, Brad Evans.
- TASMANIA: Dominic Longo, Romeo Fredman.
- NSW: Paul Negro, Stefan Jee, Steve Dimoulis, Steve Georgiakis, John Cawertino, Mark Benich, Greg Dickenson, Lou Triantafyllou, Paul Guikamp, Tony Marco, Paul Souris, Matthew Bingley.

— K.G.

DAVID AHERN DISCOVERS ONLY JUST NINE NEW BORDER COACHES

NSW ASF state coach David Ahern held a four day coaching clinic as part of the new "Operation Outreach" in Albury.

The new program assists country junior Soccer players to receive equal coaching to their city counterparts.

Only nine persons attended the four day seminar.

I wholly agreed with the Riverina Branch coaching co-ordinator, Fred Morse, who is disappointed about the poor attendance.

I cannot understand why the Albury Wodonga Soccer clubs, who are badly in need of level 2 coaches, do not encourage their members to attend.

The coaching clinics are free and the Riverina Branch paid out a fortune to give these boys and fathers and other club officials an excellent opportunity to become qualified.

When it comes to show that you really want to be a coach there is nobody to be taught.

I am against fathers shouting from the sideline to their sons what to do.

To you all so called experts, Soccer is the best and most skillful ball game.

BY FRANK FINLAY

So do not spoil it by teaching your sons rubbish. Join and attend the coaching clinic and most importantly do not promise your son money for kicking a goal.

There is no doubt that Fred Morse is one of the most knowledgeable country Soccer administrators from club levels to state level.

As a postscript I can say it is possible to attract more budding coaches. If anyone can do it, Fred Morse is the man.

David Ahern running through the manuals with the budding coaches.



ST GEORGE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

THIS year's office bearers are:

President: J. Hedison
Senior Vice President: G. Dalley, Junior Vice-President: S. McArthur

Secretary: Mrs H. Christopher
Treasurer: B. Gray
Assistant Secretary: E. Hubbard
Competition Secretary: A. Howard
Recorder: Mrs B. Hubbard
Registrar: Mrs J. Clow
Three Floor Members Elected to Executive: J. Hudson, T. Pearce, J. Wall, St George Soccer Referees Association: O. Currie.



Some paddock training on ballwork.

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Soccer football is manly. It is a controlled bodily contact game with laws that protect the player.

Our attention has been drawn to the current updating of the junior rugby league game to sell it new 'safety' aspects.

But Sydney Sun rugby league writer and former schoolteacher Roy Masters has spilled the beans on the back page of the issue of March 25 (see headline cutting herewith). Parents will be well aware of what lies ahead for the rugby league youngster — a huge contrast with the inbuilt safety factor for the world-wide sport of Soccer.

We quote famous Australian international of yesteryear, REG DATE about Soccer... 'IT'S STILL THE BEST GAME AROUND BY A MILE!'

ADVICE TO NEW U7/8 COACHES

Robert Forrai writes...

ON my recent visits to U7/U8 games, I was pleased to see that the enthusiasm among players, coaches and friends is not fading!

Unfortunately, I wrongly assign two de-fenders to guard the goal area during the whole game (see Fig's 1 & 2 - L -

Lindfield players, 0 = opposition).

Six-a-side mini-games are designed to give all six players the opportunity to get fully involved in the game. Since there is no "points" competition, winning is not the main object.

So why is the Fig. 1 formation incorrect?

1. We are giving a two-man advantage to the opposition over more than 75% of the field. By half time, the three Lind-field forwards are ex-

hausted trying to take on five opposition, while the two defenders have hardly touched the ball.

2. Being away from "where the action is", the two defenders get totally bored, since they are mentally and physically dissociated from the game. They block the goalie's view, get in each other's way, talk and fight with each other — just to keep themselves occupied and warm.

3. Because of the long space in the middle of the

playing field, the opposition has plenty of time and room to control the ball, pass or shoot — our forwards are too far forward and our backs are too far back to harass them.

4. I realise that the offside rule does not apply in U7/U8 matches, but what about when they enter U9? If they play as they have been taught, staying back close to the goal, they will keep the opposition outside all the time!

My advice is to assign one player only (alternating weekly) to act as a defender in support of the goalie. He should be no more than five metres behind the closest opponent, moving back and forth, left and right, as required. The other players should be encouraged to come back and help, when needed.

Use part of your training sessions for three-a-side games: stop and show them the four basic fundamentals:

- when one of our players has the ball, the other team members should get away into empty space and demand a pass;
- when the opposition has the ball, only ONE of our players should tackle him, and ONE OTHER should back him up, in case the tackle is not successful;
- the player who is in possession of the ball should look up quickly, before deciding whether to dribble, pass or shoot — PROVIDED he has the time;
- the player assigned as defender should follow the game no more than five metres behind the last opposition player and be ready for quick action. The others, however, must help when needed.

I realise that teaching these fundamentals will not be easy but, in the long run, it will be worth it. REMEMBER, it does not matter if the opposition scores a goal... by involving ALL players, you have a chance to score more than they do!!!

R. Forrai (Coach-Lind-field Soccer Club)

LEAGUE'S VICIOUS CODE

By ROT MASTERS

JOEY LEAGUE players are

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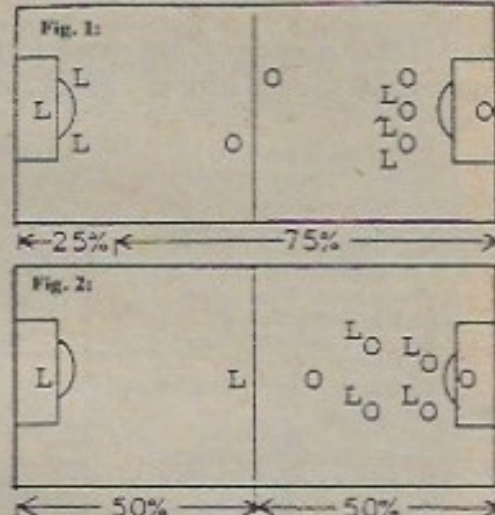
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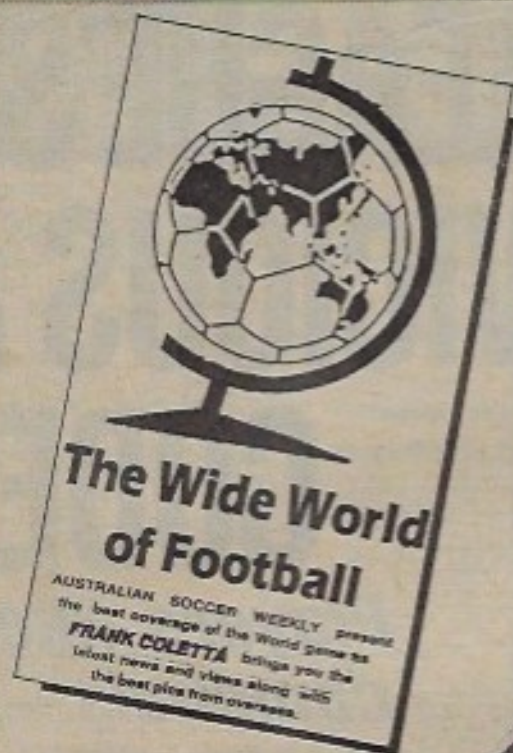
NAME: John Gibson
AGE: 17
D.O.B.: 10.2.70
HEIGHT: 174cms
WEIGHT: 63kg
POSITION: Striker/winger
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Belmore, St George, Sydney Olympic
STATE: NSW
AGE GROUPS: U14/16
REPRESENTED: —

AUSTRALIA U16 REP: —
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: —
OCCUPATION: Student
OTHER: State baseball representative. John is a quick player who likes to perform as a central striker or on the wing. He is a powerful, busy player who possesses enormous energy and enthusiasm for the game.



NAME: David Healy
AGE: 19
D.O.B.: 13.3.66
HEIGHT: 178cms
WEIGHT: 72kg
POSITION: Full-back
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Knox City
STATE: Victoria
AGE GROUPS: U13 to Youth
REPRESENTED: —

AUSTRALIA U16 REP: —
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: —
OCCUPATION: Credit Union teller
OTHER: AIS Scholarship 1985/86. David should force his way into the National Youth team this year. He is quick, defends extremely well and is quite happy when he gets into a forward position. Prefers right-back but is capable in midfield.



CELTIC have made an enquiry about West Ham's Scottish international full-back RAY STEWART. But Hammers boss JOHN LYALL has made it clear he isn't selling.



DRUG SHOCK!

Drug abuse is getting out of hand in South American football!

That is the shock accusation made by Paraguay's World Cup star Julio Cesar Romero.

The man the fans call 'Romerito', playing for Brazilian club Fluminense, makes his claim at the same time as the Argentine PFA's circular to all their members, warning them of the dangers of all kinds of drugs, both sports-orientated and social.

But it's the fears expressed by 'Romerito' that threaten to stir up a hornet's nest in Rio. "Many Brazilian players take drugs before matches," he says. "This is a sad reality. I know what I am talking about."

Expect a massive investigation to follow.

The Football Association have acted very selfishly in refusing to allow Steve Archibald to stage his charity game in aid of famine relief in England.



Belanov won't quit

European Footballer of the Year Igor Belanov insists he has no desire to leave Dynamo Kiev and seek a footballing fortune elsewhere in Europe.

Very few Soviet players have been allowed to leave their country for the West, but Belanov's team-mate Oleg Blokhin has been given permission to play in Hungary next season.

Belanov, a 26-year-old physical education graduate, has been approached by Bayern Munich plus a host of Italian and Dutch clubs, but he refuses to cash in on his new-found fame. He says: "I've never really

considered leaving Kiev and why should I? They are the strongest team in Europe. I certainly owe my European award to my team-mates."



BIRMINGHAM want to sign a goalkeeper and a midfield player before next Thursday's transfer deadline. Top of JOHN BOND's wanted list is West Ham's GEOFF PIKE.

BARCELONA have turned down a move by Charlton's Lennie Lawrence to take Scottish international Steve Archibald on loan.

KEN ISN'T TOO KEEN ON THE COLD TIMES

AUCKLAND's KENNY HARLOCK found it terribly hard to cope with the minus temperatures during his three month stay with Blackpool.

The temperature was diabolical and continually drove the 16-year-old to the nearest heater as the winds blew in off the icy Irish sea.

But for Harlock that was the only low point of his stay at the third division club where he trained with the professional staff of the famous old seashiders.

Harlock will remember his trip of a lifetime for the visit he made to the Soccer academy of Anfield with Blackpool's youth team.

"We toured the whole complex and I had a chat with Joe Fagan, who is held in such high esteem there," said the young high school student.

Another highlight was the diversified training at Blackpool that stretched from Monday to Friday.

Harlock returned to his West Auckland club sharper and stronger.

Says his coach Keith Pritchett: "Kenny's touch is better. I hope he doesn't lose it now that his training is less intense."

Blackpool in fact have asked the youngster to keep in touch. He may well return to Bloomfield Road during the 1987-88 season.



TARDELLI'S EXCLUSIVE TARGET

Italian midfield star Marco Tardelli wants to end his glorious playing career in the English First Division.

The 32-year-old former World Cup winner is nearing the end of his contract with Inter Milan, and says: "I need a new challenge and what better place to find it than in England - the world's toughest League."

Tardelli, through an associate, has already approached Chelsea and West Ham without success, but will not be deterred.

He adds: "I'll consider any realistic offer. My childhood heroes included Mick Channon, and I feel I could contribute some of my experience to the English midfield, which in recent years has perhaps lacked a little creativity and imagination."

Tardelli has had a brilliant career, during which he has won 81 Italian caps, and five Italian Championship medals, two Italian Cup medals, and a medal from each of the three European competitions, with Juventus.

SAVED - by the ball-boy

Brazil has a new star... a ball-boy who interrupted a Third Division match by rushing on to the pitch to kick a goalbound shot off the line of his favourite team.

After considerable confusion a drop ball was awarded from which no goal resulted and, in a subsequent television interview, the boy was asked why he did it.

"We were losing 3-0 and I couldn't bear the shame of a 4-0 thrashing," he explained.

Then the interviewer asked the boy why he didn't just pick up the ball. "What... and give away a penalty?"

UPDATE

ARSENAL WINS ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP

Arsenal, inspired by two goals from Scottish striker Charlie Nicholas, won the English League Cup for the first time when they beat Liverpool 2-1 at Wembley - ending one of the most amazing sequences in world Soccer.

A goal down to a typical Ian Rush strike after 23 minutes, the North London team fought back to win.

Nicholas was in great form and levelled after 30 minutes before snatching the winner seven minutes from time.

It was the first time that ace marksman Rush, who joins Italy's Juventus at the end of the season, has scored for Liverpool and finished on the losing side.

Despite taking the lead and dominating the early stages of each half, league champions Liverpool never fully subdued Arsenal's spirit.

Only Arsenal's Paul Davis and Liverpool's Jan Molby, in patches, were able to transcend the competitive but tedious struggle.

Scoring chances were at a premium on what seemed a perfect surface for open play.

Nicholas, however, was able to enjoy a rare chance of out-gunning Rush in the showdown between the two strikers, leaving Rush to trudge from his last Wembley appearance for Liverpool with his head down.

It was the first defeat he had suffered in 145 scoring games for Liverpool - ending a sequence of 122 wins and 22 draws.

The Welshman's goal, greeted by red flares on the terraces, was superbly constructed and taken.

Rush began it in midfield and finished it after great work from Molby and Steve McMahon.

Nicholas conjured Arsenal's equaliser after an amazing goalmouth scramble.

Arsenal went on to seal victory when Nicholas met a cross with a first time shot which deflected off Ronnie Whelan.



KIWI KAPERS

ADELAIDE CITY were paid a compliment by Mount Wellington coach **BOB PATTERSON** a fortnight ago during the one-off **Qantas South Pacific Champions Cup**.

Patterson, in charge of the New Zealand champions, claims that this year his red hornets will be told to dictate terms in the ANZSL unlike their match against the Australian champions.

"I had to pay Adelaide the compliment of dropping our usual style otherwise we would have been murdered in mid-field," said the coach.

Instead of pushing men forward in numbers, Mount played a patient game and soaked up the pressure in mid-field.

It was a good move by Patterson. City played Mount into the Hindmarsh Stadium turf for the first 20 minutes and Joe Mullen put the black



and whites ahead. But the Aucklanders struck back through Dave Witteveen and dominated later in the first term only to lose on penalties.

MEANWHILE Mount Wellington began their defence of the championship with an emphatic 4-1 win over Nelson. Other results were Napier 2 Manurewa 2, Hutt Valley 0 North Shore 2, Mt Maunga 1 Gisborne City 1, Papatoetoe 4 Manawatu 1, CHCH 2 Wellington 3, Miramar 2 Dunedin 5.

ITALIAN clubs are chasing Tottenham's super-striker **CLIVE ALLEN** and a \$5 million fee is being banded about quite freely.

JUVENTUS star **MICHEL PLATINI** is just one of 11

players who were sent for trial last week by French magistrates for their involvement in an illegal slush fund operated by their former club, Saint Etienne.

FORMER FIFA referee Frans Derks is the centre of a storm in Holland over his admission that he bent matches because of his: "Hatred of Germans."

Derks, now a wealthy businessman, is thinking of taking over the financially troubled FC Breida in his native Holland.

But major reservations have been expressed since his revelations on how he made two promises to his dying father.

The first was never to visit West Germany on holiday. The second was never, in his capacity as a referee, to let a German side win.

"All I could do was make sure that Cologne didn't win. It worked and the game ended in a 1-1 draw."

NAPOLI are sitting pretty at the top of the Italian First Division and making a fortune also and that is the main reason why they have been able to afford **DIEGO MARADONA**'s asking price of \$1 million signing on fee for a new contract.

Napoli took roughly \$2 million at the gate for the recent clash with AS Roma and about the same for their 2-1 win over reigning champions Juventus last week.

Maradona has agreed to the set fee and he just wants Napoli to sign his younger brother Hugo as well.

Napoli say they will send him to a farm team and have secured the services of Brazilian ace **CARECA** for next season.

Meanwhile **MARADONA** recently grabbed another milestone when he stooped to head in his 200th goal in club competition to earn Napoli a point against Samp-

doria. It took the 26-year-old Argentine only 320 matches to knock up the double century.

Maradona's record reads: Argentinos Juniors (1976-80) 116 goals in 166 matches; Boca Juniors (1981) 28 in 40; Barcelona (1982-84) 22 in 26; Napoli (1984-87) 34 in 78.

ITALIAN clubs are set for yet more cash injections to sustain their magnetic appeal with the world's top footballers.

Club chairmen have voted to increase the number of First Division clubs from 16 to 18 — meaning four more League games per club per season — and the Italian government has reduced taxes on gate receipts by a massive nine per cent!

ATLETICO Madrid's **Llorente**, Spain's most exciting prospect, appears to be holding the club to ransom.

Rumours are rife that the 21-year-old winger has signed for arch-rivals Real Madrid, but Llorente says he will stay with Atletico — providing they agree to pay him an annual signing on fee of \$710,000, plus living allowances and bonuses.

TERRY VENABLES is becoming increasingly tempted to turn **GLENN HODDLE**'s dream move to the continent into reality.

The Barcelona boss is a long-time admirer of Tottenham's elegant midfield star, and has already indicated that he will select Hoddle for the World XI against a Football League team at Wembley in August ... if he leaves Spurs for Europe at the end of the season.

Hoddle, who at 29 is playing the best football of his career, is looking to go Continental this year with his sights set towards Italy. But a move to Barcelona to team up with Venables and England striker Gary Lineker would prove just as attractive.



Hoddle



Australian Soccer Weekly presents the most comprehensive round-up of scores around the Wide World of Football.

BRITISH MATCHES: English div 3: Bristol Rovers v Doncaster postponed, Chester 2 Swindon 0 (postponed from Jan 31).

ENGLISH Div 1: Charlton 0 Oxford 0, Southampton 3 Luton 0, West Ham 0 Sheffield Wednesday 2, Wimbledon 2 Coventry 1, Div 2: Blackpool 2 Bradford 1, Shrewsbury 0 Crystal Palace 0, Div 3: Bristol City v Gillingham postponed, Swindon 2 Bolton 0, Walsall 3 York 2, Wigan 1 Notts County 0, Div 4: Aldershot 4 Halifax 1, Cardiff 1 Orient 1.

SCOTTISH Cup, 4th replay: Forfar v Dundee United 2 (winner meets Dundee in semi-final).

SCOTTISH Prem Div: Clydebank 2 St Mirren 1, Motherwell 2 Hibernian 1.

FRANCE: Avenir 0 Metz 0.

BRITISH RESULTS: English div 2: Birmingham 2 Sunderland 0 (postponed from March 7), Huddersfield 2 Barnsley 2 (Dec 30), Reading v Leeds postponed.

ENGLISH div 4: Cardiff 0 Exeter 0 (Feb 14), Crewe 3 Rochdale 1 (Jan 10), Lincoln 0 Aldershot 2 (Jan 31), Torquay 1 Peterborough 0 (Dec 20).

SCOTTISH div 1: Brechin 1 (Jan 3), Forfar 1 Clyde 2 (Jan 10).

WEST GERMAN Bundesliga Cup, semi-final in Hamburg: Hamburg 1 Borussia Moenchengladbach 0.

ENGLISH Div 1: Aston Villa 1 Watford 1, Leicester 4 Queens Park Rangers 1, Newcastle 1 Tottenham 1.

Div 2: Stoke 0 Ipswich 0, Div 3: Rochdale 1 Bury 1, Div 4: Huddersfield 3 Wrexham 3.

SCOTTISH Prem Div: Dundee 4 Falkirk 0.

Div 2: East Stirling 0 Raith 0, Div 3: East Fife 0 Raith 0, Div 4: Forfar 1 Clyde 2 (Jan 10).

IRE: Premier Div: Adairne Town 0 Bohemians 1, Bray Wanderers 2 Home Farm 3, Cork City 1 Waterford City 2, Galway United 0 Waterford Utd 0, St Patrick's Athletic 0 Shamrock Rovers 0, Sligo Rovers 0, Drogheda United 0, Derry City 1, Finn Harps 0, Longford Town 1, Monaghan United 0, S.S. Dublin 1, Newry City 2, Shelbourne 2, EMFA 2, UCD 2.

THE NETHERLANDS: VVV Venlo 1 Sparta Rotterdam 1, Veendam 2 Excelsior Rotterdam 3.

PSV Eindhoven 1 Ajax Amsterdam 0, Feyenoord Rotterdam 5 Twente 0, Fortuna Sittard 4 Den Haag 0, Utrecht 1 Groningen 0, GA Eagles Deventer 0 PEC Zwolle 3, Standings: Ajax 42, PSV 41, Feyenoord 29, Den Bosch 28, VVV 26.

GREECE: Apollon 1 Veria 0, Kalamaria 0 PAOK 0, Duxa 1, Panionios 0, Ethnikos 2 Diapora 0, Iraklis 2, Ams 0, OFI 4, Olympiakos 1, Panathinaikos 3, Ymittos 0, AEK 1, Larissa 0, Standings: Olympiakos 36, PAOK 30, OFI 30, Panathinaikos 30, Iraklis 27, AEK 26.

ITALY: Brescia 2 Avellino 0, Como 2 Atalanta 1, Fiorentina 2, Ascoli 1, Milan 0, Sampdoria 2, Napoli 2, Juventus 1, Torino 0, Internazionale 0, Udinese 2, Roma 1, Verona 1, Empoli 0, Standings: Napoli 26, Roma 31, Internazionale 31, Juventus 30, Milan 29, Sampdoria 27, Verona 27.

ENGLISH Div 3: Bristol Rovers v Doncaster postponed, Chester 2 Swindon 0 (postponed from Jan 31).

EUROPEAN C'SHIP Qualifying round: Group 1: Sparta 1-1 Austria 2, (2nd time 1-1), Scorers: Ayris, M. Linumier (35th min), Y. Polster (64), Spiller, Jose Eloy (31, 58), Francisco Carrasco (30), Crowd: 41,000. Standings: Spain 6pts, Romania 4, Austria 2, Albania 0.

ENGLAND 2 b NORTHERN IRELAND 0 (halftime 2-0). Scorers: B. Roberts (18th min), C. Waddie (43rd min), Crowd: 25,000. Standings: England 6pts, Yugoslavia 2, Turkey 1, N. Ireland 1.

WALES 4 b FINLAND 0 (halftime 2-0). Scorers: I. Rush (8th min), G. Hodges (29), D. Phillips (64), A. Jones (87). Crowd: 7,946. Standings: Wales 3, Czechoslovakia 3, Denmark 1, Finland 1.

BULGARIA 2 b IRELAND 1 (halftime 1-0). Scorers: Bulgaria, A. Sadkov (41st min), L. Tanev (87th min), Ireland, F. Stapleton (52nd min). Crowd: 35,000.

BELGIUM 4 b SCOTLAND 1 (halftime 1-1). Scorers: Belgium, N. Claessen (13th min, 55, 85), F. Vercauteren (72), Scotland, P. McStay (13). Crowd: 26,550. Standings: Belgium 6pts, Bulgaria 4, Ireland 4, Scotland 4, Luxembourg 0.

ENGLISH Div 1: Aston Villa 0 Manchester City 0, Charlton 4 Watford 3, Chelsea 1 Everton 2, Luton 0 Wimbledon 0, Manchester United 3 Oxford 2, Newcastle 2 Leicester 0, Nottingham Forest 0 Coventry 0, Southampton v Sheffield Wednesday postponed, Tottenham 3 Norwich 0, West Ham v Arsenal postponed.

Div 2: Barnsley 2 Reading 0, Bradford 1, Portsmouth 0, Grimsby 0 Crystal Palace 1, Ipswich 0 Derby 2, Leeds 2 Millwall 0, Oldham 2 Birmingham 2, Plymouth 3 Shrewsbury 2, Sheffield United 4 Blackburn 1, Stoke 1 Hull 1, West Bromwich 2 Sunderland 2, Brighton 1 Huddersfield 1.

Div 3: Brentford 3 Chester 1, Bristol City 0 Fulham 0, Bury 1

Bristol Rovers 0, Carlisle 0 Bournemouth 0, Chesterfield 1 York 0, Gillingham 2 Doncaster 1, Newport 2 Bolton 1, Rotherham 1 Blackpool 0, Walsall 1 Notts County 1, Wigan 2 Port Vale 1, Swindon 3 Mansfield 0.

Div 4: Barnsley 0 Cambridge 2, Hartlepool 1 Rochdale 1, Lincoln 0 Hereford 0, Peterborough 2 Exeter 2, Wolverhampton 1, Torquay 0, Wrexham 2, Crewe 1, Halifax 1, Southport 1, Orient 1, Colchester 0, Preston 1, Northampton 0, Southend 2, Carlisle 0, Stockport 0, Aldershot 0, Swansea 2, Tranmere 0.

SCOTTISH Prem Div: Celtic 3 Rangers 1, Dundee 1 Aberdeen 1, Falkirk 0 Clydebank 0, Dundee 1 Aberdeen 1, Hearts 2 Hibernian 1, Motherwell 3, Hamilton 0, St Mirren 2 Dundee United 1.

Div 1: Brechin 1, Dumbarton 2, Dunfermline 0, Kilmarnock 1, Montrose 2, Clyde 1, Morton 1, East Fife 1, Partick 2, Ardron 1, Queen of the South 1, Forfar 1, Raith 1, Milngavie 1, Johnstone 1, Stranraer 1, Alloa 2.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

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Cousin

Tottenham goal king CLIVE ALLEN believes that one of the reasons for his incredible success this season has been the form of cousin PAUL ALLEN.

Says Clive: "Paul deserves more credit than he gets. Because he is so quick, he is getting past opponents and setting me up with excellent crosses."

"I wouldn't have scored so many times without him."

WHITESIDE IS A HARD MAN

MANCHESTER UNITED's NORMAN WHITESIDE plays his football very hard but fairly.

No player since Nobby Stiles has aroused as much debate as the Northern Ireland international.

Is this 22 year old a licensed thug who uses the boot to intimidate opponents? No.

Whiteside is the type of player who goes in where it hurts and has never ducked a challenge.

He's fierce and aggressive, but fair. A player also that can keep his

temperament when needed.

No matter what, Whiteside's fiery style and determination will keep the debate going over just how fair his brand of aggression is.

Football still needs players who can tackle with everything they've got. It's a man's game and Norman Whiteside certainly plays it that way. Long may it stay that way.

One man that is under no delusions about Whiteside's capabilities is his United captain Bryan Robson.

"Norman is one United player who never fails to deliver the goods in life and death battles."

"He was our goalscoring hero in the 1985 Wembley win. 'No-nerves Norman' has an ice-cool approach to the toughest matches and he has been our best player this season and he is the man United fans look to for something special."

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD...



£5,000 for Woodcock

TONY Woodcock went through hell before showing the form that's made him one of England's top strikers. He was in such a rut at Nottingham Forest that any club could have had him for a giveaway £5,000.

Graham Taylor was one of the few managers who showed an interest and was all set to sign him... for Lincoln City. Woodcock joined Forest from school in 1972 and made his debut within two years against Aston Villa.

But manager Allan Brown was sacked and Woodcock's career stalled with the arrival of new boss Brian Clough.

Graham Taylor recalls: "Tony came to us as cover."

"We played him in the first team against Brentford and he was outstanding."

"His loan spell finished soon afterwards and he went back to Forest. But he went on another loan spell, this time to Doncaster."

Meantime Peter Taylor had joined Brian Clough from Brighton and when Lincoln made their bid they were told that there would be no outgoing transfers until Taylor had held a review of the playing staff.

Peter Taylor advised Clough to give Woodcock a prolonged run and the player responded by hammering 11 goals in 30 games as Forest surged to promotion.

After helping Forest win the League and European Cup, Tony joined Cologne for £650,000 and then moved to Arsenal for £500,000. Not bad progress for a player who was once up for grabs for just £5,000!



Cooper gets tough

ASTON Villa hard man NEALE COOPER - 22 disciplinary points after seven First Division games - believes it's time his team-mates started putting themselves about more.

"The whole team must be willing to give everything," says the former Aberdeen star. "We have to adopt the same attitude as Everton - they all look out for each other."



Sorry Sammy

RANGERS have pulled out of a meeting with Liverpool for SAMMY LEE's testimonial. GRAEME SOUNESS had agreed to send a team to Anfield on Tuesday, March 24 for his former team-mate now at QPR. Now, however, he wants his players to stay at home and concentrate on the battle for the Premier League Championship.

United chase Leeds ace

MANCHESTER United and Chelsea are both keeping tabs on Leeds' 22-year-old midfield star JOHN SHERIDAN.

Leeds, however, are in no rush to sell after receiving £840,000 from Everton for IAN SNODIN.

Manager BILLY BREMNER rates Sheridan in the £750,000 class, and that's way beyond the sort of price those First Division giants are thinking of.

Target McCall

BRADFORD midfield star STUART MCCALL is wanted by Celtic.

The 22-year-old Yorkshireman, who once turned down England's Under-21s in order to play for Scotland, has emerged as DAVID HAY's number one target.

The Celtic boss is concerned by the lack of goals from his midfield quartet this season and wants McCall to supplement the strikes of MO JOHNSTON and BRIAN MCCLAIR.